ROMAN CATHOLOCISM (Sic) ITS ORIGIN AND DOCTRINE.

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PREFACE

This little book is written with the hope of pointing out some of the dangers that threaten us as a people from the Roman Catholic Church. It seems that Protestants are unaware of the real danger from such a source and therefore make no preparation for the meeting of the danger. This book does not abuse any religion but merely shows the danger in dealing with a so-called religion and which, really, at the foundation, is a political power. The author of this volume believes that religion should not be in disguise, neither should politics be in the disguise of religion, therefore he writes and speaks to try to dismantle this awful beast of Rome.

There are so many young men who marry Catholic girls and who are unaware of the teachings of the Catholic Church, and on the other hand there are so many Protestant girls who marry Catholic young men not realizing what they are stepping into when they marry. No home can be happy with a Catholic and a Protestant in it. They are unequally yoked together and cannot be happy, especially when there are children born into the home. Unborn children are sworn to Catholocism in the marriage vow, when a priest performs the ceremony. This little book is written with the hope of enlightening Protestants as well as Roman Catholics.

Let us look well to our future and act while there is time. Let us not sleep while the enemy is at work. Let the reader study well these pages and take warning by the truths contained herein. Read this book with an open heart and without prejudice toward anyone. We do not want any Roman Catholic to become a Protestant unless he is convinced that Protestantism is right. But we do want Rome to stay out of the affairs of the government and cease to interfere with the public school system.

ROMAN CATHOLOCISM—ITS ORIGIN AND DOCTRINE

It is the privilege of every human being to investigate for himself. There is room for any of us to be mistaken about our duty toward God and our fellow man, unless we investigate and read the Book for ourselves. It is criminal for any man or woman to sit down and refuse to investigate, when all the truth may be known. If Roman Catholocism is right; then there is absolutely nothing for it to lose by allowing its subjects to hear Protestant ministers preach. If it is wrong, then it must keep its subjects in ignorance if it is to hold them. It does seem that any sensible man or woman would want to know what is said about his or her religion. We must know the truth if the truth is to make us free. Ignorance is bondage and there is no relief except through knowledge. We may think we are right and believe that we are right, but we must seek knowledge, no difference how strong our faith is, that we are right. Every individual should be open to conviction. We are all finite beings and subject to err at any time. God will hold each individual to an accounting in that great day; who has had the privilege of knowing the right way and failed to know it because of stubbornness.

The world is filled with books both for and against Roman Catholocism. Each individual has the perfect right to seek the truth and flee from error. No man can compel us to agree with error when we have the right way before us and all there is left for us to do is to investigate for ourselves. Man was made to think for himself and not let another do his thinking for him. We live in a land of freedom and no one can molest us for our being governed by our convictions of right. Let us think and think soberly on the right way. We have the Bible to guide us and it is the inspired Word of God. It is truth and brings to us golden treasures from out of the storehouse of God's bounty.

We must be fair and impartial as we study any subject if we expect to arrive at the truth in the end. Prejudice will not get us any distance toward the truth: it leads away from truth

instead of toward it. We want to know where the Roman Catholic Church came from. What it really is, and if it is sailing under the guise of religion; when in reality it is nothing but a political machine. If you are a Protestant, you are interested in knowing more about Rome, and if you are a Roman Catholic, you should be vitally interested in knowing where Rome came from and the end to which she hastens. You are invited to study carefully every phase of Rome.

1. Roman Catholocism as a system attacks the Bible or Gospel at its center, besides being adulterous in its essence. Read Exodus 20:3, 4. We are told in this that God is our only God. That we should worship Him. Rome tells us to worship the pope as the "Lord God."

2. All direct dealing with souls is interferred with by the Roman Catholic Church. Forgiveness must come through the priest. He must intervene in order that sins may be forgiven. Read I John 1:9 and we find that sins are forgiven by Christ the Lord and not by any priest.

3. The Roman Catholic Church claims that in mass each time the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is offered afresh. In Heb. 9:12 we learn that Christ entered once into the holy place and He is not to enter again. Christ will never repeat His offering any more. There remains no offering for those who do not accept the completed work of salvation Heb. 10:26. Roman Catholocism offers Him continuously, or claims to offer Him.

4. Roman Catholocism denies that all have an office as priest in the kingdom of God. But we find we have, when we read I Peter 2:5 and we are plainly told that we are priests. The common people are priests as much as the robed leader. In this matter the Roman church denies the Word of God for it claims a special place for its priests. Rev. 1:6 also tells us that we are priests. Every member of Christ's church is a priest and has as much authority as the pope of Rome.

5. Roman Catholocism teaches idolatry and superstition. It worships Mary and in some countries Joseph as well as the saints which are used as means of access to God. We find in the Gospel "that no man cometh to the Father, but by me" (Christ) John 14:6. We are told in I Tim. 2:5 that there is one mediator. Again we find in I John 2:2 that Christ is our advocate. If Christ is to do this, why call upon a priest to do what Christ has promised to do?

If the priest at the altar is not inferior to God, what becomes of the pope's supremacy over the priest? If priests are living Christs, of what need is the pope? If every priest is a Christ, why are prayers offered to God in glory? Why should the priest drink the blood of Christ if he is a Christ himself? Why should one Lord drink another Lord's blood? Every priest

on earth today knows he has no power whatever. He knows that he is a sinner and is deluding his people.

6. The catechism of the Roman Catholic Church contains an altered form of the ten commandments. It teaches worship, other than that of God. We are commanded to have but one God, to bow to none other but Him. We are told by Rome that these commandments may be omitted. This reveals the evident design to deceive human souls and delude them by false teaching. It is no wonder that Rome could not hold her people if they once heard the truth. They have to be kept in ignorance concerning the Bible teaching or they would all leave Rome at once. Rome worships false gods everyday and hour and she knows it. If Roman Catholic subjects would only take time to investigate for a short while they would know the truth. If they would only get out from the influence of the priest for a little while, they would see the folly of such worship.

7. The doctrine of absolution by a priest involves the confessional with all its indecencies, which no right minded person can adhere to without having his or her soul morally tortured. The priest asks questions in the confessional to young women that they would not allow their own fathers to ask them at home. The priest is unmarried and nine times out of ten he is a degenerate himself in many ways, yet he is permitted to ask these questions to young women.

8. There are penances to expiate sin, and a host of other inventions to destroy men's souls while pretending to help them. Roman Catholocism is a dead shot at the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one can forgive sins but God through Jesus Christ, I John 1:8-10.

9. The priest is called Father in order to get hold of the people, to where they will listen to a man instead of God. He is not a father in the flesh nor is he a father in the spiritual sense either. He is filled with lust and many times abuses all he comes in contact with. He, no doubt, uses the nuns and sisters as he chooses and they are no more than so many wives to the priest. Let us look to Matt. 23:9 "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your father, which is in heaven." Rome, then, contradicts the Bible.

10. What advantage is there for a man or woman to live a good clean life in the Catholic Church, for when death comes he or she must be prayed out of purgatory, for it is the portion of all good Catholics as well as bad ones. Roman Catholics must escape purgatory by means of masses only. Why not look the facts square in the face. No priest can defend himself if he were sued for taking money under false pretense, for he takes pay for useless prayer. There is no mention of purgatory in the

Bible anywhere. If there is a purgatory how does the priest know when a man is out of it? Why pay money to get him out for Peter said "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." Acts 3:6. Who knows that any man goes to purgatory and needs to be prayed out? Why do the good have to be prayed out? The priest wants money and this is the way he chooses to get it.

11. How does anyone know that masses prevail to deliver one from purgatory? How would the priest know when a person was out? There have been bad popes and good ones (only a few good and that long ago?) Catholics go upon "intention" now if a bad pope got in office what about the sacraments being genuine? If the intention of the priest is not good what about the sacraments remaining just a wafer and wine? If the priest is not good then no couple would be legally married and neither would baptism be valid. The Devil must have laughed in his sleeve when he taught them the doctrine of "intention" as necessary to the validity of a sacrament. The fact is no priest or pope on earth ever had the power to change the wafer or fruit of the vine into anything different from what they already are. Every priest knows this and the pope knows it. He deludes the people this way is all there is to it. Let the reader turn to Acts 10:34-43 and contrast Peter's sermon with what Roman Catholics teach and see how far the Catholics are from the truth.

12. Roman Catholics are taught that Peter was the first pope. That is tradition and has no foundation whatever for such a claim. Peter had a wife. Matt. 8:14. Popes do not have wives and yet, Rome claims to never change. Does pope Pius speak like Peter did and with divine authority? Roman Catholocism is a political machine and is working under the disguise of religion. It is a lion with a lamb's skin on. It has reddened the world with blood time, and time again and will do it in the future if we do not take a firm stand now to check its onward march. Weak kneed Protestants should wake up and realize where they are today and what Rome is doing.

13. There is but one way by which anyone could call a Roman Catholic priest "father" and that way is to turn to John 8:44 and call him father according to this Scripture "Ye are of your father the Devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do."

14. Rome keeps her subjects in bondage and ignorance. The people are told that they do not know enough to interpret the Scriptures for themselves, that the priest must do it for them. Yet we learn from II Peter 1:20 "that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." But the priests say it has a private interpretation.

15. Rome teaches her subjects to never hear anyone else and thereby keeps them in total ignorance of the truth. They are not to read the Bible for they are told that they can't understand it for themselves and therefore the priest interprets it the way he chooses.

16. Rome changes the Scriptures anywhere and everytime she desires to change them. The pope has all authority and can act in the place of Christ. In all countries where Rome has held absolute sway the people are in ignorance and gross ignorance at that. Look at Mexico today. Rome has held sway there for four hundred years and the people never advance. The priests pray upon the ignorance of their subjects all the time.

17. Protestants should go to the Congressional records and find what was discovered about Roman Catholocism in the Philippine Islands. It was a disgrace to civilization. It was all hushed up soon after it was placed on record. Rome has her influence. It is time every free born American was waking up and ceasing to contribute to Roman institutions. The Sisters beg money of Protestants, but we can't beg anything of Rome. No man should give one penny to any Catholic institution. Let us teach Rome that Washington is on the banks of the Potomac and not on the Tiber.

18. Young Catholic children are being taught in the Parochial schools today everything contrary to freedom and the constitution. Let the reader get hold of the "Manuel of Christian Doctrine" published by John McVey of Philadelphia. It teaches Moral, Dogma, Worship. Then let him look to page 448 and under number 28 and he will find that the parochial child is taught that a priest may lie in court and that it is alright. It says "what he learns in confessional he knows not as a man but as the representative of God and in this quality he is not subject to the jurisdiction of the judge." The priest can swear a lie and it is alright so this damnable book teaches the child. Now look to page 498 under number 50 and the reader will find that the parochial child is taught that marriage is null and void unless performed by a priest. That no one has the right to say the ceremony except a priest. It specifically states that "no, magistrate, alderman, notary public, or Protestant minister" can perform a marriage legally. It says on page 132 that the state is subordinate to the church, in the spiritual order" and that the state should aid and protect the church. In other words; it is saying to the child that everyone should fight for Roman Catholocism when she asks for such protection. It advocates the union of church and state on this same page of Christian Doctrine. Let the reader look on page 174 of this Christian doctrine and see what it

says in regard to civil laws binding upon Rome. It says plainly "that no civil power has any right to make laws binding on matters that are strictly ecclesiastical." The Manuel of Christian Doctrine should be in the hands of every Protestant in America. It is just filled with such things we have cited you to.

This nation, less than one hundred years ago fought against slavery and freed the colored man. Now we have a slavery that is ten times worse. It is slavery at the marriage altar. The priest makes those at the marriage altar promise to bring up their unborn children in the Roman Catholic faith. This is spiritual slavery and is ten thousand times worse than literal slavery. Why not have a law passed against such practice? We owe it to ourselves and to our country to see that such a law is made, and stop such practice in a free country.

19. Now, will anyone say that we should not have a law requiring every child to attend the public schools of this nation? The public school is the only place where the children are taught citizenship. Every church may have its schools but we certainly need the public school where every child should be forced to learn citizenship and to love the constitution and the government of America. This the Catholic child is not taught. Dear reader you had better take your stand now and vote for Protestants only and those who stand for liberty of speech and press, than, to have to take your stand later on, on the battle field where shot and shell are flying thick and fast. It is time Rome was checked. She has been against our public schools from the very first to this present time.

20. Why can Roman Catholic priests ride on almost any railroad train, in the country without paying any fare? Why can nuns and sisters of charity ride on passes on most of the roads? The Protestant Clergy must obtain a Clergy Permit and then get only one third off on most of the railroads and never more than one half off. It seems that the nuns and sisters of charity can ride on the same pass in may instances. There is no more reason for a Roman Catholic priest riding on the trains of this country free than there is for a Protestant minister riding free. We need some strict legislation along this line. Let our representatives hear from us at the ballot box. Vote for no man or woman who will favor the Catholics above the Protestants. The Catholic Bishops of this country are having too much to say in writing our laws for us. Let us make a change and have Protestants to write them from now on in our legislatures.

21. Does the Roman Catholic Church seem to be universal, while it is local in name and doctrine as any sect beneath the sun? Is the Holy, Apostolic Church recorded in the Bible? It

orginated hundreds of years after the apostles were upon the earth. Du Pin, a Catholic historian, says that none of these terms were used. Archbishop, pontiff and all such names were not used in the long ago. They are the products of later centuries.

22. The writings of Du Pin are again found to speak of two heads of the church in as early a date as 451 A. D. There was a head at Constantinople which was called new Rome and it had as much power then as the old Rome had. No universal head to the church at that time. 340 bishops assembled in this same year and gave the same power to the patriarch at Constantinople as it gave to the patriarch at Rome. The supremacy of one was equal to the supremacy of the other.

23. Du Pin says he rigorously opposed the title of universal patriarch, which the patriarchs of Constantinople began to assume to themselves. He calls it, "proud, blasphemous, anti-Christian, diabolical." He says that the bishops of Rome refused to take upon them this title lest they encroach upon other bishops. This was in the year A. D. 588.

24. The Roman Catholic Church surely has no supremacy because of age for the Greek Church was in existence long before the Roman Church was in existence. The Greek church claimed to be the only true apostolic church. History shows that the Greek Church, in point of seniority, has a superior claim to that of the Roman Church. The Greek Church called the first seven Councils. They were held in Greek cities, called by Grecian Emperors and composed of Grecian bishops. The Roman Church borrowed from the Greek Church. At the First Council of Nice there were 318 bishops and 315 were Greek and 3 were Roman. This council was held in the year of our Lord 325. The second general council was held at Constantinople A. D. 381 and there were 150 bishops, of these 149 were Greeks and only one was Roman. A third council at Ephesus A. D. 431, there were 68 bishops present; of these 67 were Greeks and one was a Roman. At the fourth council held at Chalcedon A. D. 451 there were present 353 bishops and of this number 350 were Greeks and three were Roman. At the fifth council held (which was the second at Constantinople) there were 164 bishops present; and of this number 156 were Greeks and 8 were Roman. This was held A. D. 553. At the sixth council (which was the third at Constantinople) there were 56 bishops present. Fifty-one were Greeks and five were Roman. This was held A. D. 680. At the seventh general council (which was the second held at Nice) there were 377 bishops present and 370 were Greek and seven were Roman. This was held A. D. 787. We find by these that the doctrines of the ancient councils be-

long to the Greek and not the Roman church. The whole number of bishops who attended were 1,486, of whom only 26 were Roman. It was all one church at this time and could not be called a Roman church in any sense, but Rome was just barely represented in the councils. She had no faith of her own, but was a part and parcel of the Greek church.

Let the reader take notice that there were 1,460 bishops who attended these councils who were Greeks and 26 who were Roman. The Roman church could not claim that she was holding supremacy at this time, for she did not have enough representatives to make her supreme. The fact is that Rome had but little voice in any of the councils, and then it was not as a church for there was no Roman church. It was only representatives from Rome who were sent. They were not Roman Catholics, but Greek Catholics sent from Rome. They were Roman in nationality and Grecian in religious faith. When a Roman Catholic claims that the Roman church has supremacy because she is the oldest church, it shows that he has been misled by the teaching of Rome. The Greek church suffered a great deal before the Roman sympathizers came out of the Greek church. The Western church gradually grew in numbers and influence until it became a separate church in about 1054 A. D.

Let the reader keep these facts in his mind and never allow himself to be misled by the claims of Rome, or Romanists. The church of Jesus Christ was the first church and was founded by Christ himself. Matt. 16:13-20. The Greek church then came into existence and after hundreds of years the Roman Catholic church arose from the Greek church. The Greek church was purified to some extent by the Roman church coming out of her, for Rome was disrupting the Greek church in a great measure. From the very time that the Roman church became a separate church, it started to dominate and rule all others. It has never been satisfied to confine its authority to religion alone, but has sought supremacy in governments and states as well. It is political in make up, and not religious.

The Roman church at once began to change the Bible to suit itself. It has prevented the laity of the church from reading the Bible where it has been possible to do so. It claims to never have changed, but it has changed all through the centuries. It claims the pope to be equal with God and the priest equal to Christ. It changed baptism from immersion to sprinkling in 1311. The Protestant world, to a great extent, has accepted these changes without going back to see who it was who made the chance. May Protestants come to realize that the Word of God needs no change by the pope of Rome.

25. The Roman Catholic Church did not come into existence until 1054 A. D. and it came out of the Greek Church.

The Greek Church came into existence about 250 A. D. and was out of the true Church of Christ. The disgrunteled and usurping class formed the Roman Church. The degeneracy started under Cornelius and Novatian. There are two hundred years after Christ in which there is no trace of the Greek or Roman Church, but there are facts in history to show that the Church of Christ was in existence.

26. If Peter was the Vicar of Christ how was he such? 1. Was he older than all the rest. 2. Was he more talented? 3. Was his character better? 4. Did he have an office with Christ that others did not have? Which one of these things made him successor? There were times when there was no pope. There were 70 years when there was no pope. Popes were elected by bribery and by the sword. The most sensual and devilish popes have ruled at Rome. There were two popes at one time for fifty years. Then there were three popes at one time. Benedict 13, the Spanish pope; Gregory 12, the French pope; John 23, the Italian pope. Then the council of Constance met and made a true pope, or fourth one, and disposed of the other three popes in 1414. This does not look very much like succession does it?

27. The Roman Catholic Church breaks every precept of the Decalogue or ten commandments. They call the pope "Lord God the Pope." 2. They do bow down to images. 3. Their own laws by the popes gives them the license to swear. 4. Sanctification of the Lord's Day may be kept for only a few hours. 5. We are told that to sin against the bishop is far worse than dishonoring father or mother. 6. "Thou shalt not kill," is held as void if one is a heretic. 7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery," their law makes amends for committing adultery. 8. "Thou shalt not steal," we are told that one can be forgiven by the priest. 9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," there is a way made to get around lieing. 10. Covetousness is provided for in their laws.

28. Mary is called the mother of God. Joseph is also worshipped. Angels must do the bidding of a man on earth. He who makes himself the brother of the sun in China or India, who calls for worship of those beneath him is indeed modest besides him who tells us that angels must obey him and the sainted dead listen to his appeals. The pope at Rome wants the world to bow to him.

29. Rome stands against every public system of learning in all the world. Ignorance is her plea. Why does Rome need private institutions any more than other churches need private institutions? Rome wants to be pre-eminent among all churches of the world and is willing to go the limit in order to be foremost.

30. The use of holy water is purely pagan in every respect. It occupies the same place in the Roman Catholic worship that it does in the pagan worship. Do you know how the Catholic priest makes holy water? The priest bends over the vessel that contains the water, mutters some words in Latin. Makes the sign of the cross with his finger in the water, three times, puts his lips to it, saying "receive thou the Holy Spirit." Blows his breath on it and makes it blubber. Makes other motions with his hands over it, pours oil into it, in the form of a cross. Then at times uses other liquid to pour in with the sign of the cross, sprinkles white powder into it and pours all the mixture into another vessel and washes his hands in it. Then it is holy water. If I were a Catholic I would blush at being foolish enough to use such a mixture. It is contempible and absurd to believe such a damnable doctrine.

31. The Greek Catholic Church never tries to run the politics of the country. It does not meddle in the affairs of the government, but attends to its own business. The Greek Church has few secrets and is open and above board with its work and service. The Greek Church was not the first church, for the Church of Christ was here long before the Greek Church was established. We have shown conclusively that the Roman Catholic Church did come out of the Greek Church. The Greek Church is similar to the Protestant Church. It is willing to live and let others live. It has not tried to lord it over the whole creation as the Roman Church has done. The Church of Jesus Christ is older than all other churches in the whole world. The Church of Christ was the first church in the world. Then came the Greek Church. The Roman Catholic Church came out of the Greek Church in about 1054 A. D.

There is no use for Rome to claim superiority over all others for she in no sense has it. Her doctrine is opposed to the Word of God in almost every respect. It has always abused the power entrusted to the church. It seeks to have its subjects depend upon the pope and leave the Word of God to be interpreted by the pope or priest. It seeks to kill the free moral agency of every individual.

The reader of this little book is asked to think for himself and then act according as God would have him act. The Word of God is sufficient to save any and everyone in all the world. No man or woman needs to consult a priest in order to have his or her sins forgiven. Obedience to the Book is all that is necessary for any person in this world. Christ died to save sinners and you do not have to confess to a priest. but to Christ Jesus the Lord. Make Him your counsellor of life and not man. May each individual set Christ and His Word above all other things in this world.

1. The Roman Catholic Church as an organization is vastly more than a "religion."

2. In form of government it is an Theocracy—in that it assumes that its authority comes direct from God, and is administered by His "Vicegerent," in the person of the pope of Rome. Is above the authority of the state as well as above all other power and authority.

3. Its government is therefore undemocratic and inconsistent with a true democracy.

4. It is foreign in its principles, in that its seat of government is in Rome, the capitol of Italy, where its legislation is done.

5. It is Italian in essence, purpose and in spirit, for its head is the pope. Its majority of working cardinals are Italians.

6. It is a great political organization and power, entirely independent of this government and carries plans entirely against the government of this nation.

7. Its sole object is to establish the church more firmly here and make this country Roman Catholic and to carry its supremacy to the entire world. Its slogan is to "Make America Catholic." It is employing every energy toward this end, both in Rome and in America.

8. The order of the "Jesuits" is foreign and is the Militant Branch of the Church. This order we belive to be dangerous to the nation in every way. The Jesuist teach the following religious doctrines necessary to salvation. That the state must be reunited with the church and obey its commands. That the Roman Catholic religion to be the true religion established by law and all heresy to be punished. That the public school system must be destroyed.

9. If the Jesuits should get control, this government would have to come to an end. The teaching of the Jesuits is being more firmly entrenched all the time in the hearts of the Catholic children of America. The Jesuits must obey the "General" under whose head he labors. He is placed above the government and even God himself.

10. If the pope should ever set foot upon the shores of this Western continent, without being molested, he will never leave, but set up the Vatican here in America. He has sworn to make America Catholic and if it takes his coming here to do it, then he will come to stay. Are we going to sleep at the gateway of American liberties and allow him to come here and set up his kingdom in our midst? Will we arouse the spirit of "'76" and invoke the opposition of all true Americans in combining all our forces to check the pope's onward tread toward our shores? Again let me say that it is time for America to wake up.

We need most of all today, true Protestants in this nation. We need men and women whom the lusts of office cannot buy. We need men and women who will stand up for righteousness and attend the Protestant Church. It is one thing to say that we believe in the church, but quite another thing to truly believe in it and then attend it and uphold its teachings. There are thousands of Protestants who will make a great pretense at believeing in the church, yet never attend anywhere. If a man or woman is truly a believer in the Bible and the Protestant church, he or she will attend church and try to help to get others to attend also.

If religion is good for women and children it is good for grown up men as well. If it helps the home then men should support the church. Take the Protestant Church out of America and how many Protestant people would like to live here under Roman Cotholocism? Better help then to keep the church alive and do your part toward supporting it.

No one should hold aught against any Roman Catholic, but fight the Roman Catholic system of doing things. You do more against the Roman system by attending the Protestant Church, than you ever will by abusing Roman Catholocism and staying away from the Protestant Church. If religion is a good thing, get into the church and help put it before the entire world. You are weak in your convictions if you stay away from the church at the same time knowing that the Roman oppressor is at the door.

It is time that the Protestant ministry was waking up to the true situation. There are thousands of ministers who are afraid to speak out on this subject. Many want to be popular with all; and at last find themselves unpopular with both Catholic and Protestants. If a Protestant minister is afriad to take a stand for right, he should be told by his people to move on to some other field, or find some other work besides preaching. We crave unity today more than at any age of the world. Christ prayed for it and we should seek to answer His prayer. There is but one ground of unity and that is, the Bible. Our creeds will never get us anywhere toward unity. The simple Gospel is the ground of unity for God's people. May the Protestant world become one by uniting on the Bible and the Bible alone. There is so much to be done and so few to do it, that we must become one to accomplish all for which Christ prayed.

ROMAN CATHOLOCISM IN PROPHECY

"THE BEAST RISING FROM THE EARTH, LIKE A LAMB, AND VOICE LIKE A DRAGON."

Rev. 13:11, 12.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth: and he had two horns like a lamb and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed."

It shall be my endeavor in this address to speak of the beast of prophecy found here in this scripture. It will be necessary for us to go back and search history for proof. I cannot afford to ask the reader to believe a statement simply because I make it, for it would be an injustice to myself and it certainly would to those of whom I speak. I am sure that history will bear me out in the interpretation which I shall place upon this Scripture.

There is no doubt whatever in my mind, that the beast referred to here in this text is the Roman Catholic Church. I shall attempt to show you by unmistable evidence that such is the case. It is not my object to bring abuse upon any cause but to see the truth as it is and warn the people of any impending danger that may threaten us. All people and all institutions should be willing to be investigated; and especially so if they are blameless. The history of the Roman Catholic Church runs back for many centuries in the past. It claims succession from the apostle Peter to the present day. It claims that Peter was the first Pope of Rome. This cannot be true, if Rome never changes, for Peter had a wife. More than this he was never at Rome in all his life, or at least there can be no reliable account furnished that he was ever there. Rome has tried to prove this many times, but has failed in every attempt.

The Roman Catholic Church rose on the ruins of ancient

heathendom and many of her forms and ceremonies are with out doubt direct from the heathenish worship. It grew out of the Greek Church. The Roman Church grew out of the fads and fancies of the far distant past and as she has come down the centuries she has gathered together the corruption of the ages. It is not believed that Rome was as corrupt in her beginning as she is today. But with every passing century she has added to her shame. There stands around her, walls of high and towering corruption, over which it is almost impossible to climb. Her sins that are known are foul enough, but it is almost certain that her vilest are on the inside. For hundreds of years none but her subjects have been allowed to enter into her inmost dungeons and then only those who were in her plots and schemings. We are told in this Scripture that this beast rose on the ruins of the other one and exerciseth all the powers of the first one. Rome has put down kingdom after kingdom and in her coming forth to power she appeared like a lamb; for those who are acquainted with Rome know that she has ever tried to deceive the world by trying to be like a lamb and yet her voice has been that of a Dragon. Go through her churches and see the images, her altars of incense, her contribution for the poor and the dead. The holy water by which she marks her children in the forehead. The candles burning and the priest, with long robes. I ask is this picture correct or not? Has not Rome always tried to pose as a lamb and at the same time exercised the power of the Dragon over her children?

The Roman Catholic Church claims to be the universal church, but in the very name itself we can see that it is not. It is a sect and a political sect at that. It would be as well to say the Georgia Church of Alabama as the Roman Catholic of America. It is local in name and therefore is not universal. It had its origin among men and revision after revision of its doctrines and dogmas, and yet it claims to never change and to be infalible in doctrine. It was said that Linus was the successor of the apostle Peter, but this is not true. In the Britannica encyclopedia Vol. 15. P. 678 we find that this claim of his decent is no longer made. In fact there is no evidence that Peter was at Rome anytime. Catholic historians claim that he went with Paul to Rome. If he was at that city there is no evidence that he was a pope or that he made claim to such. It was nearly three hundred years after Christ before there was ever any claim like that made concerning Peter. If he was a pope of Rome why was this claim not made before?

How could Peter be a pope of Rome when the Roman

Church did not come out of the Greek Church until the tenth century after Christ?

It first dawned upon the mind of Innocent the First, says Milman, of Rome's power or universal Ecclesiastical supremacy. Ency. Britannica Vol. 19, P. 491. If it dawned upon him at that late date how can it be an unbroken chain from Peter to the present time? Leo the Great was the founder of Mediaeval popedom in 440-461 A. D. But was not a separate religion. "Rome was constituted a court of appeal in 445 A. D. and was the commencement of a new era in Rome's papal office." Britannica Ency. Vol. 19, P. 493. If this be true how can it be possible for the Apostle Peter to have been the first pope and have exercised his power as a pope and yet the power not known until centuries after?

Again we find that Celibacy was first voted upon at the council of Nice in the year of our Lord 325 but was rejected and in 340 it was adopted at the council of Arles. Twentieth century Ency. Vol. 2 P. 607. But it was not enforced at that time and only those who desired to do so refrained from marrying. It was commanded at the council of Elvira in the year A. D. 300 or 313. This prohibited ecclesiastics from having any female in their houses save a sister, or near relative. This law was never rigidly observed by Rome's masters until 1074 when in the council at Rome under Gregory VII, when he determined more decisively to enforce the decree. You will find this in Vol. 5, P. 292 Britannica Ency. But even after all that Gregory could do, he failed to enforce this binding decree. It was never put absolutely into force until at the Council of Trent in 1545-1564. Everybody's Ency. Vol. 5. Now if the priesthood could go on in this manner for centuries; why was it necessary after fifteen hundred years to enact such a law? It simply means this that the church could not get a hold upon the people sufficiently until hundreds of years had passed. The priests, had to bring up in ignorance, their people before they could reach such a decision. Rome has continually pressed her yoke upon the necks of her subjects and continues to do it even until now. She will never let go until she is forced to do it.

Her doctrines have continually grown more corrupt and diabolical. With every passing year and century; she has grown more determined to keep her subjects in ignorance. The Council of Trent shows this to be clear to any unbiased mind. The bull issued after that council forbad any man who was a laymen to read and interpret the Bible for himself, thus keeping her subjects always in ignorance of the great teachings of the Book of all Books.

Celibacy was not taught in the Bible and they had to wait until the opportune time in order to force it upon the people. It was done to get authority over the church's subjects. It has never made one priest better, but it has made thousands worse and driven them down to perdition. Almost every month some priest falls into temptation; all on account of this vile practice. The word of the living God stands against such a practice, except in certain instances. The priest-hood has no authority for such a system only within its own dominion, and it claims to have authority to make any law it pleases whether it be in accordance with the Divine law or not. If this be a Divine law, then the Roman Catholic Church was in sin for over fifteen hundred years and if it is not a law of God, then the Catholic Church had no right to impose such a law upon the people today.

If the Roman Church, is the true Church of God, why did it not have this practice from the first, and if it did not from the first do such, why did it see fit in the Council of Trent? These are questions for every devout mind to rest upon and make up a decision. The answer to this is, that the church could not impose such a system upon the people at the first and gradually it brought it about in such a way as to pass the law and enforce it. We have history, and know that it is true, that such is the case. For hundreds of years when it was introduced it would only be enforced for a while, and then another pope would ignore it until his power gave out, then after so long a time it was accepted and rigidly enforced until now the people make no effort to get rid of such an abominable law, I mean the Catholic people. Every priest is a stranger and foreigner to the holy relations of marriage. His allegance is to a foreign prince, the pope. If the pope calls, then every Roman Catholic priest must leave America. He cannot have the same love for country that a man would have who has a family and loved ones. The popes of Rome have always considered that they have authority over all governments, over all households, all marriage ties, and all public institutions. The priest even wants to be called Father, yet he is a bachelor and has no knowledge of a father, only those who are the illegitimate fathers, which may include the greater number of the priests, and we are inclined to believe that it does.

Does not every mark of distinction placed upon Rome and her history bear out our plea that the beast spoken of in our text is nothing but the Roman Catholic Church, and has the cunning and apparent innocence of a lamb and the voice of a dragon. Rome has played with the governments of all coun-

try's in seeming innocence until she had them at the right place and then she proceeded to lash them into slavery. She did so with Celibacy with her own people and has done so with civil governments. She will deny today that she has any intention of getting hold of the American government and yet at the bottom of it she is doing her utmost to control all the affairs in the political world. Is not this identical and purely descriptive of the beast in our text? Yes indeed a lamb, but let her go uncurbed and unchecked and in just a few more years you will hear the voice of the dragon.

Rome has always stood against public schools and yet seldom acknowledged it openly to the outside world. Public education means her ruin and therefore she must necessarily stand against it. She has played the lamb in this respect and at last her voice like the dragon has been heard. Surely the text clearly defines her so that anyone could easily detect her though she be clothed like a lamb, yet her voice is unmistakably that of the dragon.

I wish to mention one more of her doctrines and that is purgatory. This doctrine came into existence at the council of Ferrara, Florence; as we find in the Brit. Ency. Vol. 20, P. 114 and we also learn from the same volume and page that the next Council was at Trent. Most of this teaching is acknowledged by Catholics to have come from tradition. There is no teaching in the Scripture to justify such a claim. Purgatory came into existence to stay as late as the fifteenth century. This teaching has gradually been put forth from early times to the Council at Trent when it became a law for all Catholics. How can it be possible for this to be a Bible doctrine and the Catholic Church never find it out until such a late date? Yet she claims to be infallible in creed and doctrine. What has become of all those who died before she found out that there was such a place? The priest is kept busy all the time now in praying those out of Purgatory who die and he has no time to go back for centuries and call up those of all the past, and besides there are none to pay for such a task and therefore they must go neglected and pass to that eternal shore where there is only sorrow and remorse forever and forever, if the doctrine of Catholics is true. Did our Lord set a price upon a soul? Did he make it possible for one to reach that everlasting realm of bliss, through a debauched and vile priest, by paying only a few dollars to have his prayers? Does any man believe such a heresy?

This dragon has forced itself upon every country possible and made them bow to its authority. The decrees of Trent

were immediately acknowledged by Spain, Portugal, Italy, Poland and Catholic Germany, and in their doctrinal part in France. Is not this exercising power and does not the text tell us that this beast did exercise power over the first beast? This powerful dragon continues to try to exercise power over the world but we are beginning to grow wise in America. This dragon must be made to loose its power by American freemen. Its deadly poison is felt all over America at this time and continues to grow worse.

His eyes are balls of fire, his tongue is deadly and he is an enemy to all free institutions. His mouth is open ready to engulf those unaware; his nostrils are blowing poison upon the Constitution of our country. His tail lashes into obedience men and school boards of every state. Shall we sit down and wait longer when we know that we are daily threatened with such a deadly monster? Are we patriotic Americans and willing to stake all to defend our liberties and to hand down to posterity a rich heritage? Shall the children of the future suffer because we were negligent and afraid to stand for our rights and privileges? Our fathers fought for our liberty and shall we suffer a foreign foe to take it from us?

I appeal to you as citizens to be on the alert and let no time pass unimproved to check the power of this dragon, the Roman Catholic Church. Can I call myself an American and know that the constitution of the United States is being undermined and yet never raise my voice to help defend, or at the ballot box give my vote to keep out of office a political power, that calls itself a church? I answer that no man can truly call himself an American who wilfully refuses to stand for law and order and most of all for the Bible, that great Book of books. May we all do our best to keep and hold sacred the heritage of our fathers. May no foreign power be allowed to set foot on the American soil and demolish our institutions of freedom until every drop of blood shall have ebbed from our veins in an effort to maintain that which is priceless. I call upon you as soldiers of America and of our Lord. Remember He gave his life that we might live and He said that if He should make us free we should be free indeed. In the very last hour of recorded time may the American union and the constitution be seen towering sublime and may no flag ever wave above the stars and stripe except that of our Lord whose footprints were made on the Gallilean shore. May our institutions be majestic, immutable and magnificent forever and forever, or until dissolved by the power of Almighty God.

"THE SCARLET BEAST AND THE SCARLET RIDER IN THE WILDERNESS"

Rev. 17: 3-4

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of the names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns, and the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication."

We are now to examine the scarlet woman on the scarlet beast. There could be no figure so true to Rome as this figure is. Daniel prophesied of this monster and its rider. The wilderness here spoken of is only to show that the beast grew to power unnoticed and that nations did not fear it until it was in the zenith of its power. It gradually rose out of the Greek Church. This is characteristic of Rome. She is always in perfect seclusion until at the proper time when she comes forth in all her strength and exerts her power. Purple and scarlet, are the colors of royalty. She claims to be the mistress of all living churches and empires and to have dominion over them and exercise power over the kingdoms of the world. This Rome has done in centuries past. There has been kingdom after kingdom under her power and control. She has deposed kings and monarchs. Nations have been drunk with the wine of her fornication. If there is anything in prophecy, then there is surely some truth in this, and there can be seen the direct image of Rome with her sins and follies. We find her decked with gold as is mentioned in the fourth verse of the Scripture under consideration. There are precious stones and pearls and a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornications.

Here is a most fearful picture of the Roman Church. Her wealth is untold, and it has been taken from her subjects. The poorest have had to contribute to her wealth. Her coffers are filled with wealth wrung from the hands of toil. Is not her golden cup filled to overflowing with the sins of all the ages past; or at least for nine centuries? The Scarlet Harlot, is the symbol of an apostate church and the fact that she is mother, signifies that others have followed in her footsteps, and we know that they have, but they are no longer going to follow. Her names of blasphemy are too well known to deecive us any more.

Rome has begged for hundreds of years from those who did not believe in her teachings, but would contribute because she represented herself as a church, but the false robes have been torn from her and the world is finding out that she is a political power and wants to fill her coffers with money. The Protestant world has contributed to her wealth and has made her rich without knowing it. They were partaking of her sins and did not understand what they were doing. But there is an awakening among the people of the world and this will continue to grow until Rome is doomed. The Roman Church licenses sin in almost every form. A Roman Catholic can swear all he wishes and yet he is a good Catholic. He can drink and carouse and engage in all worldly amusements and sins and yet remain a good Catholic. Is not this the filling to the brim, the cup of fornication? If the church wanted to be pure would she not try, at least, to cleanse herself that the world might look upon her as being pure? Many Catholics swear, and then turn and say "I am a Catholic and you know we can do that." Their sins they claim can be taken away by the priest if they will confess their sins to him.

There is nothing Holy about Rome and her teachings, for she has continued to grow more corrupt as the years have fallen into the past and continues to do so even until now. Her garments are stained with blood and corruption. Widows have kneeled in the blood of their own and that of their children and drank it because of their craze of oppression. If it had not been for Protestantism the world would have remained in darkness until now. Catholocism never elevates any community or commonwealth. The countries where Roman Catholocism has held sway are the countries where ignorance is the rankest. The Catholic Church builds her churches on ignorance and then fights anything that threatens to disrobe her in the least. She trembles at free speech and free press anywhere and any time.

The doctrine concerning Purgatory is false and shameful. It is not scriptural. The Scriptures they appeal to as evidence are only to make believe, but the Catholic Church don't need evidence as it can change anything it desires to, with the sanction of their councils. Purgatory is foreign to common sense and Scripture teaching. Matt. 12:32 and I Cor. 3:11-15 are often quoted by Catholics to sustain the argument that there is a Purgatory. This teaching is, that Catholics who die can be helped by the living faithful, by paying the priest to pray for them until they are released from this place of sin. Where did this purgatory come from? The Scriptures named above in no way teach it. It simply came from the Council of Trent and was hatched up for the sole purpose of making money for the Roman Catholic Church. It blinds the laity of the church and makes them believe a lie. It is blood money and helps to stain the scarlet woman and beast. Purgatory is a foreign term to the Bible. It is Roman Catholic in its origin. It belongs solely to the Catholic Church and between them and the Devil it is taught to ignorant men and women. If a man can be prayed out of it by a priest then there is a price on salvation; and we know that this is not true. Every man's destiny is sealed at death if he has heard the Gospel and all the Catholic priests in all the world could not change his destiny in the least. If there was such a place as Purgatory and those who die could be prayed out of it, it would take better men than Roman Catholic priests to do it. Such a teaching spurns God and pleases the Devil. It laughs at the wisdom of the Most High and fixes a price on that with which man has nothing to do. It frees the criminal and brands truth as a lie and curses God's highest law. None can forgive and pardon save Him at whose bidding the worlds were made and the earth robed with living beauty. He is the law giver and he alone can pardon the sinner. But I cannot dwell longer on this awful and damnable sin and heresy taught by a people claiming to be the people of God.

The Roman Catholic Church stands on two of the most monstrous falsehoods that this world has ever known. It places the Virgin Mary above Jesus and the priest between man and his God. Here is the moral theology of the church on the use of images. It speaks of her as "O my Lordess. Let him who is in the habit of blaspheming, be advised to make the sign of the cross (-|-) ten or fifteen times a day upon the ground with his tongue and thrice every morning to say to the most blessed Virgin: O my Lordess! Give me patience." This is idolatry for it

is begging of an image to give perseverance, something that an image does not possess.

We are taught in God's Word that we are not to worship an image nor bow down to it. Mary is called the "Divine Mother." The whole church is filled with images. Go into any Roman Catholic church you wish to and there you will find an image, and the larger the church, and the wealthier, the more images you will find. This is blaspheming the very name of God. The curse of an Almighty rests upon all such worship.

Bernard says in his writing "that there are so many images that the people wander about reading the inscriptions instead of meditating upon the word of God." Mary is called the mother of God. Does anyone know of anything that is so vile as to attribute such to our Father in heaven? How could any church or set of men be so low-minded, and vile, and debased, and debauched, and contemptible as to speak of the mother of God. Such a church is worthy of a destruction like that of Sodom and a hell beyond any imagination. But God is not dealing out vengeance at this time, but waiting for the appointed time of his wrath.

The second falsehood is that of the priest standing between man and God and pretending to forgive sins. What priest has the power to say "I absolve thee?" Can he make free from sin any one? The ears of God are the only ones to whom we should go to tell our faults. The Word of God says "Confess your faults one to another," but it does not say confess your faults to a bachelor priest. If the Scripture is being carried out when one confesses to the priest why not turn it around and let the priest make confession to the one who has made confession to him? He is as guilty of sin as the man or woman who has made confession to him. Did I say man? Well, mighty few men get a chance to make confession to a priest. It is nearly always the women who go to make confession. The priest is too busy to hear the men and he usually hears the confessions of the younger women of his parish. Hear what is said in the Holy Congregation of Bishops, January 21, 1610. It says that he should not look after young women as they go away from the confessional, and that he should not hear their confessions after dusk, and that they should not be allowed to kiss his hands. That he should not receive presents from his female confessors and should not hold a conversation with them before confessional.

He speaks of the "tender expressions passing from one to the

other." There is no penalty attached to breaking of this rule of the church, and if there were it would be no good as the priest is hidden and the outside world would never know what was done within. There is nothing more holy than marriage, and the man who sits at the head of an institution, if an earthly head it can have, should be a man who knows all the comforts and sorrows of the family, but instead of this, there is a bachelor priest placed at the head, and he must hear all the sins and confessions of his flock. He is not fit to hear, if it were Scriptural to make confession to a man. That man who has no family is unfit to hear the confessions of the ones who have families. He is not acquainted with the home ties and relationship of married life.

The Catholic Church goes contrary to the laws of God and says "That no sin, however grievous, no crime however eroneous, or however frequently repeated which penance does not forgive." Council of Trent P. 193. This is a law contrary to the law of God for in His word we learn that there is one sin which cannot be forgiven and that sin is the sin against the Holy Spirit. This is the ground where the priest gets his most perfect obedience from his subjects. Whatever he requires, that same thing must be done, for he is authority with his people. "The penitent must submit himself to the judgment of the priest who gets his authority from the vicegerent of God the pope." Did mortal ears ever listen to such blasphemy as this? Who made him the vicegerant of God? Catholics are required to confess once a year to their priest who places himself as the vicegerant of God. This law fixes a price on sin. Here is where the priest gets the confidence of young girls and often leads them to wreck and ruin. It is in the confessional that the ears of young maidens whose minds are not yet polluted by sin and stained by impure thoughts, gets their first idea of transgression. The priest can tell them that he is the vicegerant of God, and they must believe it. He says that he has authority to absolve them and they must listen to his words. Thoughts that girls would not divulge to a mother, they must tell to the bachelor priest in the confessional. If they, perhaps, mention something he thinks sinful then they must do penance for it and do just what the priest wishes, be that what it may. He says I can forgive and anything I do is not sin, therefore I can do as I please with you and it is not sin. Here is a splendid place for the practice of white slavery. Here has begun the first step

to lead many a poor girl to the lowest haunts of sin and degradation. Here is where the Devil laughs and fiends find consolation. The soul is wrapt in scarlet robes and the mind inflamed with beastly passions. Here the wicked serpent whispers his dark and accursed sophisms in the ear of the good and true. Here flagons of chilly dew are emptied on unsuspecting lives. Here arise the flames of Hell's never ceasing fires and the groans of the lost as they fall over the precipice of destruction. From the confessional comes the whispers of every Satanic influence and bears on its whisper the stings of a scorpion. There can be nothing but sin when a bachelor priest is closely closeted with young women for long periods and where no eye can see and no ear can hear, save that of God, and such a man cares nothing for God even though it may kindle His wrath and inflame His vengance. Would to God that those Catholics who want light might wake up and begin to investigate for themselves; they are not asked to believe what any man says about this awful sin, but investigate for themselves. To look at the Catholic Church upon one side it would seem alright, for it has done some splendid things, but when we weigh the sins against righteousness we find that "it is found wanting." Her sins are as black as the ebon pall of night. Her crimes are as red as crimson. Her feasts have been debauchery. Any fair minded man or woman who will take history and sit down and read to know the truth, will not go far until he or she is persuaded that the Catholic Church is full of sin.

We hear much said about the power of forgiveness. "The voice of the priest" says the Council of Trent, "who is legitimately constituted a minister for the remission of sins is to be heard as that of Christ himself, who said to the lame man," "Son be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee." Council of Trent, P. 180. This is placing the priest equal with Christ, and in other places he is placed above the Lord. The rule of faith of Roman Catholics sanctions the violation of every precept in the Decalogue. It gives the privilege to curse men. It licenses the breaking of the Lord's Day, a divine institution. The man breaking the law on the Lord's Day must do penance for three days, but if he breaks the fasts prescribed by the church he must do penance for twenty days. Thus we see that the Roman Catholic law is far superior to that of God, according to the authority of the church.

Gambling is alright for a priest according to the law of

Catholics, provided they play for a moderate sum of money. It gives sanction to bull fights and plays held on Sunday. It is permissible to get drunk, if it is to get well when sick. There are lots of sick Roman Catholics. "It is lawful" says Ligori "to administer the sacrament to drunkards if they are in probable danger of death, and had previously the intention of receiving them" Ligori 6 N. 81. (Synopsis, P. 254.) From all these laws and these rights why should it be thought strange that the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church is exceedingly corrupt? Yet the good and devout are bound to confess to them on peril of damnation. How long must such a system of filth and corruption continue? Will the world never wake up to the truth and resolve to free itself of the fetters so binding? No pure woman should go to whisper her so-called sins into the ears of a bachelor priest, who has no power to forgive sins. What true father wants his beautiful and virgin daughter, to go to an unmarried priest to tell him of her secret sins? No priest can help her, be he ever so pure, and we are sure he can't if he is vile. I had as soon send my daughter to a brothel as to confessional for three times in succession. She had as well go into the haunts of the defiled and be debauched one place as the other.

If he chooses he can do what he will and it is no sin for he represents Christ. Tell a young girl this and what would you expect of her after she had been to confess to a priest for a few times? The priest can hide his sins for he can keep out those not welcome and those he wishes to, for he can hide himself behind closed doors.

If there is one thing above all others, that the American people owe to themselves, it is to impress upon the law makers to pass laws to force the convents to open their doors to the public and authorize the examination of all Catholic institutions in this country. Let every man have the right to worship God according as he wishes but let no church or institution refuse an investigation.

It is high time that the scarlet rider was dismounted from the scarlet beast. This crime and sin has run long enough and now is the time to call a halt to it and say it is enough. She is no longer in the wilderness; for all the world is coming to know of these vile sins. The Roman Catholic Church has been silent, but steadily gaining ground on the American people by dumping ignorant emigrants on the American soil for many

years in the past. They are haters of the American flag and the American constitution. They are lovers of the pope and priesthood for they know nothing else. They are undermining the public schools of this country. They hate free speech and free press. Most of the foreigners are controlled absolutely by the priest and pope, and therefore unfit for American citizens. He who cherishes and honors the memory of our fathers departed; and who battled for our liberty and freedom in the past; let him awake and fix his eye firmly upon the stars and stripes and let no ruthless hand pluck one from the folds of old glory. As she has been the ensign in the past for liberty and union let it ever be so to the end of the world. As this country treads on and up the Pisgah heights let us, as Americans guard her life and champion her rights as long as the crimson tide flows in our veins.

May this country ever be the land of the free and the home of the brave. Let Babylon fall but the American government live until mountains shall dissolve. The scarlet woman on the scarlet beast is full of names of blashphemy and indeed she has been full from almost the time she came into existence and continues to grow fuller as the years press on. She has blasphemed almost every command of the living God. She has set at naught the written word and presumed to sit in judgment herself. She has placed herself in the place of God and His Christ. She has held sway over the ignorant of all lands and countries. The mark of the beast is clearly seen in all of her works. But this rider must dismount sometime and somewhere, her doom is sealed and she knows it but ever strives to live. I hope to live to see the dawning of that more perfect day when we shall be free from the clutches of sin. As I gaze down the future for a generation to come, I am made to believe that these things shall be. When the world shall know righteousness and trample on the head of this devouring beast. When the desert shall blossom as the rose and the barren places shall become the garden of flowers where the spirit is watered and nourished by the fountains of crystal that flow from the Word of God. I hope to see the Bible and the minister abroad in the land and hear the prohetic acclaim of the Jewish shephards: "Peace on earth good will toward men" and may it ring on over the world until the feet of triumphant angels rest upon this world and all that is true and holy are gathered to that home of everlasting life.

"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS DRUNK WITH BLOOD"

Rev. 17:5-6

"And upon her forhead was a name written, Mystery Babylon The Great. The Mother of Harlots and abominations of the Earth. And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jeus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

In speaking upon this subject it will be necessary for us to go back and see how we found the world at the beginning of the Reformation and then trace Roman Catholocism down the ages. If Rome is the mother of harlots let us see and know why she is termed such. We must deal fairly with any cause whether right or wrong. Let us go back to the begining of the Reformation and see just how deep in sin this world was and with what vengance Rome was ruling. The Roman Catholic Church held absolute sway at the time of the Reformation and she was impure then when she had the power to do as he pleased. Give Rome a chance and you can readily see just what she will do. She had a chance to reform the world and failed to do it so we must not turn the affairs of nations over to her again to run back to heathenism. Her altars are too bloody and her garments are still stained with sin and the world well remembers her deeds of corruption.

When Martin Luther came upon the scene what did he find in the Roman Catholic Church? Luther was born in Eisleben, Lower Saxony, Nov. 10, 1483. He was educated and brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, but he could not find a whole Bible and yet he searched diligently for many years. He was consecrated priest in 1507. In the year 1510 he visited Pope Leo X at Rome on business. This journey revealed to him the irreligion and corruption of the clergy at Rome, and destroyed his reverence for the sanctity of the pope. On Oct. 31, 1517 Luther gave 95 propositions to the world intending to put an end to the sale of indulgences created by Tetzel. His propositions were condemned as heretical.

He was excommunicated in 1520 and his writings were burned in Rome. Luther burned the bull of the pope of excommunication. He was summoned before the Diet of Worms by the German Emperor Charles the V. Before the Diet of Worms he refused to recant, claiming that it was neither safe nor expedient to act against conscience. He translated the Bible into German and gave it to the people to let them interpret for themselves. The Roman Catholic Church had the power to do so for centuries and had not done it. We are made to ask why had they not? Let every Catholic answer for himself, or if he cannot answer let him investigate and see. Luther's ardor, passion and zeal bore like a resistless mountain torrent upon Catholocism and swept everything before it. If the Catholic Church had not been so corrupt Luther would never have sought a reform. But finding the corruption and the fraud practiced upon the people by the sale of indulgences, which only impoverished the people; and he found that the Bible had been kept from the laity of the church. Martin Luther was a priest and one among the finest educated that the world has ever known, but he was too honest to stay in the priesthood and practice corruption and live in sin. The foregoing facts are found in Everybody's Encyclopedia, third volume.

Pope Leo X sent Tetzel through Germany to sell indulgences and this aroused Luther to where he could no longer contain himself. We find that the church claiming to be the church of the Most High was engaging in this awful and damnable curse. Can't men and women see that she is the mother of harlots and is the author of every conceivable sin? No wonder the man of God on the Isle of Patmos called her the mother of harlots. There are no mothers of anything, if the Roman Catholic Church is not the Mother of Harlots. From her has sprung almost every conceivable sin and yet she still asks her subjects to call her the Holy Catholic Church. Is there one thing that is holy about such an institution?

Is there one thing in her doctrine that is unselfish? Are there any ordinances of God which have not been changed by her? That teaching which sells the privilege to sin, is as damnable as Satan could wish it to be. All men know that it is impossible to pay any human and have sins forgiven, or to pay to be prayed out of purgatory when there is not the slightest hint in the Holy Bible that such a place exists. The Protestant world ought to thank God continually that Martin Luther lived and had the courage to stand up and look this demon in the

face and then tell the world that it is a fraud and a burlesque on common decency. He was priest and knew how corrupt Catholocism was and resolved to free himself and the world, if possible, from its clutches. Indulgences was surely the most paying thing that was ever hatched up by undermining devils and imps. It is the most absurd and ridiculous something that any man or woman ever thought upon. It was one of the greatest curses of any age. It simply spit in God's face and refused the very countenance of right. It made men pay for that which they could not obtain, and led them to believe a lie. It corrupted men's souls and fitted them for the kingdom of the Devil. It put a premium on sin and invited to licentiousness. It was the child of an Harlot and its garments were stained with blood.

Martin Luther tore the doors from Catholocism and unbarred her gates and let the world know some of her sins. He trampled on the fragments of her supposed grand and imposing temples and upon their ruins erected the towering and sublime fortress of Protestantism which has morally and religiously revolutionized the whole world. It will live until every convent becomes a place where the Bible can be taught in its fulness and when every priest will only be looked upon as a vile man. It will live until the pope looses his power over the world and ceases to be called "Lord God the Pope." The teachings of Luther will live on until we catch a glimpse of the crucified, but now exalted and risen Lord and worship at His feet. It will live until all bigots shall be lost and swallowed up in an all absorbing universal government of the Prince of Peace. It will live until the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of His dear Son. It will live until Romanism is hurled into anarchy and disolves into dust and its wreckage lies along the pathway of on sweeping years. Rome has held sway long enough and her power must wane and totter. She has presumed to be dictator long enough and all nations are beginning to see it. The yoke of bondage must be shuffeled off and that of freedom donned instead.

The next child of this harlot that we will name is that terrible and awful thing called the Inquisition. It came into being as early as the thirteenth century, but began doing its worst work about 1484 and on down to 1521. This tribunal called justice is enough to cause any liberty loving citizen to rise up in indignation and resolve to sweep forever from the home of the brave and land of the free any church or political party that would tolerate such. But the Roman Catholic Church is the author and defender of such and is entirely to blame for

all the crimes committed during those centuries rent with strife and drenched with blood. The instruments of torture were invented and long did they do their dreadful work under the guise of religion. Innocent men and women were seized and killed in as mean a way as is possible to kill human beings. They were torn asunder and their eyes gouged out, limbs torn from them while alive, placed in dungeons and every conceivable way of torture. Yet this thing which is only a rotten political machine wants to set itself up and be called a church and have men and women worship idols and men. We believe Roman Catholocism is the most rotten and damnable institution that has ever existed or ever can exist in this world. It was born in sin, has lived on it and fattens on the vilest corruption that the mind can possibly conceive of; its every child is hideous and devil like. Nations have been made drunk with her blood and right now it is believed that this country is being made a slave to Rome.

The press of the country is pandering to this impure stream of corruption that flows straight to destruction. Can any man doubt that Rome, if she did not fear the uprising of the people, would kill today as she did in the inquisition? There can be no doubt, that she incites to riot and blood shed when any thing is said that she does not like. United States Senators are afraid to say aught against the dragon of Rome, for fear that they will lose some of their power to control a few votes. Congressmen are trembling for fear Rome will find out how they voted for certain measures in the House. Why should men be afraid of Rome? If we are to be martyrs let it be so, if we must for the truth. If martydom will save our country then let us not be cowards to any degree. When we are entirely throttled and bound by Rome then will begin again the Inquisition of the past and great will be the strife. Any church that counts all men and women who do not believe and teach as she does, as heretics, will murder such men and women when she can do it and get off without having her own throat cut. The Roman Hierarchy no doubt is just waiting to get a chance to wash our institutions with the blood of Protestants and stain the flag of this land with the crimson life stream of her noblest sons. The blood hounds of Rome have tracked as true men as live today and had them beheaded and cast into the fire, why won't she still do it, if the opportunity comes? She has no more morality today than she had two hundred years ago. There is one thing sure and that is we ought not to give her a chance to wreck our civilization.

Does any institution claiming to be a church have a right to set up a court or council and try men and women whom it sees fit to accuse, who are brought before it? This is what the Inquisition did long ago and will do again if it can do it without suffering from the consequence. The Inquisition was a lawless body from the beginning and tried to suppress the study of the Bible and certain books which the Romans did not want read. Books had to pass through the hands of the priest or bishop before they could be sent forth upon their mission.

Free speech and free press is in as much danger of being retarded today as they ever were, only Rome is afraid that she will be brought to account if she tries to force her claims upon citizens at this age of the world as she did in the long ago. There are weak kneed Protestant ministers right now who are afraid to speak out against Rome for fear that they will be criticized by some of Rome's followers. They know what Rome has done and is trying to do now but are too cowardly to speak a word against her or write one sentence for fear they will be ensnared and brought to account. Some say that there is no danger in Rome. That the news journals exposing Rome and all papers of such a nature are overdrawn and doing it to create a circulation and make money. If that be true why did these papers meet such a demand upon the part of American citizens as they have met? Millions of Americans saw and felt the need of such publications long before they ever came from the press and when they did come there was an overwhelming demand for them at once. I hope every Protestant in the wide world who loves liberty and free speech will become a subscriber to them and let them go on until they redeem those in the bondage of the dragon of Rome.

Rome continues to try to dupe the world just the same as she has always done. She pretends to observe Lent, but what kind of mockery does she make of it? It begins with Ash Wednesday, called such because ashes are supposed to be sprinkled upon the head, showing humility. Lent was observed in ancient days and was a preparation for Easter. It was first observed forty hours and then thirty-six days and then four days was added to it in the ninth century, showing that it has been changed. It was observed before the Roman Church came into existence, but not as it is observed at this age. Lent is a fake and fraud with them. It is supposed to represent the fast of forty days of Christ in the wilderness. We find this information in the 20th Century Encyclopedia Vol. 4, P. 1839. Roman Catholics appear very consecrated during Lent; they refrain from dancing and various other things such as eating

meat; and also many kinds of sin which they engage in at other times. This observance is a child of the Harlot. They plan and prepare for an outburst of revelry at the close of Lent. Just as soon as Lent is over then the Devil is let loose in all his fury and there is no more consecration until Lent rolls around again. It is a sham and put on, a fake and fraud. There is no sincerety by the leaders of the Catholic Church whatever, in keeping Lent. Go to any town you desire and watch them observe Lent, hear them plan the close, as to what they will do when the Lenten season is over. There will be more big balls and dances among them than at any other time. Their enthusiasm for sin is pent up for a season and then turned loose to do more devilment than ever before. It is a season set aside to make the world believe that the church is consecrated and devout, but those who wish to know have found out that it is debauchery and sin. Do you suppose any priest cares for Lent only to dope and dupe his people? What does he care for the season and day? The church observes such days in order to hold its people in bondage and keep them from learning from the outside world, because as long as they observe Lent they are doing the bidding of the pope and priest and they have hopes of holding them to the Roman Catholic cause.

The real true man of God wants to be devout at all times and one day is no more than another one as far as service is concerned. Men who want to worship God do so without being held under a pope's finger and made to worship at the time he says. The observance of such days just keeps men and women kissing the golden slipper of the pope and giving allegiance to him. It never made men better but keeps them giving homage to a human being who is full of sin and self importance.

The Catholic Church denies that it intends to get control of the American Government and now and then you will find that some priest or bishop will come out and say that they do not claim allegiance to the pope only in matters spiritual, but who knows what they mean when they say "in matters spiritual?" When the time would come for action then the pope would declare everything spiritual and that all goverments should be spiritual in their control and therefore the pope has the right to rule in everything. We do know that they have tried to get all governments under their control wherever they have been given any chance in the least. There is no country where they have had any control but what they have tried to get all the control of the government. They seek to implant their immoral principles and doctrines in the hearts of all

citizens. They tell Protestants that they are not lawfully married and that all their children are bastards. It does look like they would let such things alone when the very priests are looked upon as being criminal in this respect. If there is any marriage unlawful it is the Catholic and not the Protestant. This plea is a child of the Devil and all priests know it and the pope as well. Why is the marriage performed by a Protestant minister any more unlawful than the marriage performed by a Roman Catholic priest? Most all Protestant ministers are married and none of the Catholic are. Why discriminate between men in this manner, if Rome is not trying to get her hold fixed more firmly upon the American people. I am almost sure that if the Catholic Church had full power in this country that not one Protestant minister would be allowed to perform a marriage ceremony.

They have tried and are trying to rob the public school of the Bible and say that the public school is immoral and not fit to be countenanced in any way. They want to make the school unfit for children to attend by giving it every immoral feature possible. Is it Christ like to try to undermine the school system in order to have parochial schools? Let every American answer the question for himself. I am sure that Rome will never be able to dictate to the schools of this country, try all she may. There are too many wide awake men and women to allow themselves misled like this. Rome is a monster and bloody, but not great enough to steal the American government after we once realize what she is trying to do.

There are some journals at this time that try to make the public believe that she is not trying to dictate to the American people, but she has already gone too far and we have seen enough to know for ourselves. If Rome seeks after the public school system, then she seeks after all we have that is dear to us as Americans. The schools are our safety and refuge, they have been in the past and will be in the future. So if Roman Catholocism seeks to destroy the public school system then we are sure that she is no friend to America or Americans. There is a constant appeal to her subjects to overthrow the school system as taught in America. If this country was founded and has grown to where it is today and that with the public school, why has Rome any right to suggest or say anything to the contrary? The American government is able to run itself without the dictates of Rome in any sense. We should see to it that no Roman Catholic is employed in any public school in America; hating the schools as Rome does.

THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

"How dear to my heart is the little red school house,
That stands on the hill 'neath the tree's leafy shade,
How often in my dreams do I fancy I see it,
And e'en the greensward where I frolicked and played.
And woe to the hand that shall dare to assail it;
Its champions are many, both fearless and brave,
And he who shall threaten its weal will bewail it,
For millions have sworn the red school house to save.
We'll stand by the school house, the little red school house,
And long o'er its portals our banner shall wave.

How oft in the past have we welcomed the stranger
Who fled from the curse of a priest-ridden land:
Too long have we trusted, unmindful of danger,
When grasping in friendship a treacherous hand.
The pride of our fathers, we ever shall cherish,
A fount of true knowledge it ever shall be;
A God given blessing that never shall perish,
A bulwark of freedom from inland to sea.
We'll stand by the school house, the little red school house,
While breathes there a foe in the land of the free.

The spirit of freedom which guided our fathers,
No longer shall slumber while danger is near,
Of all the rich blessings God gave us to cherish,
The little red school house, we hold the most dear.
And woe to the hand that shall dare to assail it
For millions have sworn the red school house to save.
We'll stand by the school house, the little red school house,
And long o'er its portls our banner shall wave."

All honor to the author of "The Little Red School House." He has expressed the sentiment of millions of true Americans. Let us see to it that no robed or garbed nuns teach in our public schools. The public school is strictly an American institution and we should see that it is kept as such through the ages yet to come. Our city schools today have almost lost the American sentiment which they once possessed. Let us turn back to American ideals.

Suppose that parish school are inaugurated in the place of our common school system what would be the case? Rome would rule us in less than five years and that with a heavy hand. If she wants religion taught in the schools why not have the Bible read in the school? To this Rome is bitterly opposed. She claims that the schools are immoral and yet don't want the Bible to be read in the schools. Does any Protestant doubt or fail to understand what Rome means? Roman Catholocism has no idea of morality for she is not built that way. There is not the slightest desire by Rome for the schools to be more moral than they are, but Rome wants to get control and she will resort to anything to do it. The public schools are far more moral today than the Parochial schools are, for the parochial schools teach, but little more than the doctrines of the church. The children, when they come from the Roman schools are the most ignorant children in the world. They do not have the proper training and Rome knows it.

This Mother of Harlots is seeking to land all the immigrants possible on the shores of America in the hope that she may have citizens who will help to bring about the Parish school. The people of the rural districts and small towns are not alarmed about Rome and her works in the political realm, but it is because they are not where they see so much of what the Roman Catholic Church is doing. The smaller towns are not visited as the larger ones are by Roman Catholics. They seek to plant their churches in the great centers and after they are well established there then they go out in the smaller places in the country and do their deadly work. The country people seem to think that there is not much harm in Rome, and there is where the danger lies. Let every man whether he lives in the heart of the largest city or in the country realize that Rome is to be dreaded and watched anywhere. Look well to whom you elect to office. Never cast a vote for a Roman Catholic anywhere; whether it be for a justice of the peace or for president of the United States. It is dangerous to put a Roman at the head of any institution or government, unless you want to be ruled by a pope and bigot.

The men who make our laws are men who have been raised in the country and many of them still live in the country, but they don't see how Roman Catholocism can do much harm. Let every voter ask the candidate before election if he is a sympathizer with Rome and if he is, refuse to cast your vote for him. Do not betray your own self by voting for men who will rob this country and her citizenship of freedom. It is high time that we were looking to the ballot to remedy these evils. Any man or woman who would kiss the foot of the Roman Pope or ask forgiveness of sins at the lips of a priest, is unfit for a lawmaker in this country or anywhere else. Suffer no man whose allegiance is to anyone except God and his country to make laws to govern you and your children. The man who worships an idol is not fit to be trusted with the affairs of state. The man who believes that the priest is able to forgive sins and is as good as Jesus Christ, has his heart on the pope too strongly to be risked with the lawmaking power of this country. I had rather my child die today than to know that she would be taken to a Convent or be educated in Parochial schools. I hate that influence that degrades children and makes of them servants of sin. I look with shame upon those who lead captive silly women at the confessional. It fills my soul with agony when I see Protestant people sending their children to Roman Catholic schools and then try to justify themselves in the act. Would you be willing to organize a body of anarchists in this country and let them march through the streets of the city? Isn't Rome doing that very thing? She trains her boys in school and has her standing armies and they march through our cities and many look upon them as being soldiers for their country but they are only soldiers for the pope and will do his bidding when he calls upon them. Some tell us that most of these boys are Protestants which is very true, but say a word against such a school and these very boys will be insulted. They are receiving just what Rome wants and that is a liking for the school they attend. No church has a right to train soldiers and if the proper spirit prevails she would never need them. There should be a law to stop the training of soldiers except by the government. This country is capable of training enough men for armies without the aid of any church.

Is anyone so simple as to believe that Rome does it because of the love of the country? She never had any love for this country and never will and every soldier trained is expected to be used in her own service when the "Lord God the pope" beckons. Let us as true Americans see to it that he never

beckons, by arising now and casting our ballots for men and women who will stand for the right. The Mother of Harlots is drunk enough with the blood of Protestants and why should we place ourselves in a position to have to shed more blood? Let us understand the situation now and lose no time in correcting whatever mistakes we have already made. Let the church and state remain separate now and forever.

Protestants in every part of the country patronize the Catholic hospitals. How many Catholics do you know of who patronize the Protestant hospitals? It is time we educated our people against such practice. Any and all Protestants should protest against being taken to a Catholic hospital if there is a Protestant hospital within reach.

I love the American Flag and I love the constitution of the United States. I had rather have as my winding sheet when I die, an American Flag than anything else. To me it means liberty. I want to be true to those who preceded me in the race of life and who were brave enough to sacrifice all to secure for me and my posterity a land of freedom and a home where we might feel free in our devotion to our God. Let us be brave enough to protect what others have given to us and not sit and while away the hours while an enemy stands at our door.

There is today no prouder son in America than I am of this country. I feel that it is the best land and has the most beautiful flag in all the world, to wave over it, then let us be sure that no foreign prince or bigoted pope shall ever touch our borders without our consent. Let us feel secure enough in what our fathers gave, but risk no foreigner who is unmindful of the teachings of the constitution, to cast a ballot or dictate one law. Let us welcome to our shores those who wish to make homes in the best land in all the world, but draw the line on the foreign degenerate who come for no purpose but gain, and who gives no allegiance but to the pope of Rome. If every American could stand in New York harbor and see the class that comes to this country, they would surely arouse to a sense of duty and help stop this influx of the lower class from the old world's despotisms. They come here from every caste and class, the out casts and degenerates from those countries where freedom is almost unknown. Our forefathers were immigrants it is true, but they came for an express purpose, and uppermost in their hearts was a love for freedom. Those who come now have no thought of home and God. I mean the great majority of them.

What can we expect in the future if we suffer our land to thus be invaded by those who know nothing of our institutions and our government? Is it out of reason for us to believe that we may again have to fight for freedom if our country is filled with Roman Catholics and ignorant Catholics at that? If Rome once drank the blood of good men and women she is vile enough to do it again if permitted. She is the Mother of Harlots and her children are yet being born unto her. The church that makes her subjects believe that there is virtue in the bones of her saints, so called, to cure disease, can urge her subjects to do anything she wishes when the time comes and she calls for action. Those who believe there is virtue in bowing to the image of the Virgin Mary and who recognize her as the superior of God and His Christ are not fit subjects for a land of the free. They are yet in bondage mentally and spiritually more fearful than any bondage this world has ever seen outside of Rome. He who believes that there is virtue in the cross made by the stroke of the hand on the chest or forehead having been dipped in holy water, kissed by the lips of a degenerate priest, is not fit to become a citizen of America until he learns allegiance to the flag. He who bows to wood and stone in this country is no better than the ones who bow to Gods made by heathen hands.

There is as much common sense in throwing a baby to a crocadile as there is to believe that sins whispered into the ears of a priest can be forgiven by him. Sins are not forgiven in either sense and any sensible man or woman knows it. There is no room in this country for a people whose religion is to try to make all others worship as the pope sees fit. The church that is called the Mother of Harlots in the Bible itself; is surely a curse to all lands wherever it is allowed to live and run unmolested in its sins. I pray for the blessings of Amighty God to rest upon our institutions and preserve for us the liberty we have enjoyed and that which our fathers enjoyed. May this land grow in beauty and in influence that the spirit of liberty may pervade the whole earth until every kindred and tongue and people shall know that happiness lies in freedom and the privilege to worship God as the conscience dictates and the conscience taught by His word.

Do not misunderstand me in speaking of Romanism. I believe in letting every man or woman worship God as he or she chooses, but the allegiance must first be to God and then

to our country. Let Roman Catholics worship as they please so far as worship is concerned, but let them know that they cannot lay their hands upon the helm of state in the Western world. The church and state must be separate and all must understand it. Let Rome understand that our public schools are for all Americans and that she must not interfere with our educational system. We must not seek to make Protestants out of Roman Catholics, nor should Rome seek to make Catholics out of Protestants. Let any man worship God as he pleases, so long as he will not interfere with the government.

Our flag must be respected above everything else and all who come to our shores should so understand it. If Rome has her secret convents then we should pass laws to open them up to the public. No church has any right to establish an institution where the public connat be admitted. If within these convents of the Roman Catholic Church there are unlawful things going on, then let us investigate and find out what they are. If there are graves, in the convent where they take young girls to scare them into obedience, then let us elect men who will make laws to open up the convent. If the Houses of the "Good Shepherd" are full of corruption, then let us send men to the legislature who will make the laws that will take care of such sin. If girls are taken to these convents and houses of the "Good Shepherd" and shut in for life against their will, then we owe it to ourselves and to our country to open these places up and let the world know how they are being run. Let Rome have her schools and convents, but let them be open to the public as all other churches should be open to the public. No Protestant Church has a right to erect such institutions neither does the Catholic Church have such a right. We must be fair to every religion. But we must not suffer Rome to do what other churches cannot be allowed to do.

"WORSHIP GOD FOR BABYLON IS FALLEN"

Rev. 14: 7-8.

"Saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give glory to Him: for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the vine of the wrath of her fornication."

In this Scripture we learn how Babylon is going to fall. It will be through the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. We are admonished to worship God and give Him glory for the hour of His judgment is come. We are then told that he made the heavens and earth and sea and fountains of waters. Any devout mind can look up and know whom he should worship. The heavens declare His glory and the firmament His handiwork. The sea with her mighty arms stretching out toward two distant horizons and with her feathery billows rolling shoreward, we are told that in it we can see God and know that it is God that directs the movements of every wave. The heaven with miriads of stars declare that He is supreme and sits above all others. There is none like unto Him. He laid the foundations of the universe in the far off centuries that are now sleeping in the dust of the long ago. He began in loneliness before the sun had lighted up the great eternity, or a star sought its place in the sky. He spoke and eternity trembled; He smiled and suns blazed; He whispered, and thunders rolled; He blushed and rainbows circled the skies; He frowned and the tempest gathered; He commanded and worlds sought their places in the heavens; He breathed and His breath came down in raindrops and dews shimmered on the petals of the rose. He kissed the earth and gardens of sweet fragrance bloomed, and we are called upon in this text to worship this being and to have no other God besides Him.

Who would want any other God beside this one who is absolute but loving Lord? We are commanded to worship Him and why turn away from Him to strange gods? But there are those who do it today. They have received the mark

of the beast in their foreheads and in their hands, and to all such there is a promise that they shall drink of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

The great city Babylon is fallen, is fallen, because she made all nations drink of the wrath of her fornication. Rome has pressed her burdens heavy upon the neck of almost every kingdom of this world and is now trying to press it upon the neck of the American government.

But we wish to notice the worship of those who follow the beast. Bishop Purcell says "that the Church claims to have an infallible rule of faith and an infallible code of morals." I ask does any dispute the fact that there is an infallible rule of faith for every man and woman who desires it? That rule of faith is the Bible. But there is no such thing as an infallible man to sit at the head of this earthly organization called the Roman Catholic Church. They now say that the reason for claiming to be infallible is that Paul and Peter died at Rome and Peter was the first pope. This is false when we view it in its true light. The ancient ground for ascribing to the bishop of Rome any superior importance was on account of it being the imperial city. Rome was the mistress of the world and the great metropolis of the empire and that was the reason for ascribing to the bishop superior importance. Rome believed that as the emperor governed the whole world, so the bishop should govern the whole religious world. Some Roman Catholics claim that the pope is infallible while others claim that infallibility is in the church, and that the pope might be a fallible being. So there is a division as regards to infallibility even among Catholics. If the pope is infallible why do some people set at naught what others have done? Why have some been expelled? If the councils are infallible which represent the body of the church assembled, why have they had to revise their creeds so often? Why did they not think of purgatory, transubstantiation, celibacy and various other things many centuries before they did? What is the difference between the pope and common men? Where did he get his infallibility? If because men follow the teaching of the Bible they become infallible beings, why are not all men, who are religious, just as infallible as the pope? The Protestant rule of faith should be far superior to the Catholic, for Protestants have only the Bible and the Catholics have over one hundred and thirty large folio volumes. Do these volumes contain infallibility? Who made them infallible and who must interpret them? The council of Constance, says "The church of old allowed the laity to partake

of both kinds—the bread and the wine, in celebrating the eucharist." The Council of Trent says "the laity and unofficiating priests may commune in one kind only." Were these councils infallible? If so, which one? If either was fallible then both may be; and there is one thing sure and that is, one of them was fallible. The council of Lateran forbade the marriage of the clergy; and yet we find that for eight hundred years according to Rome they were permitted to marry. Now can any man or set of men whether priest or popes tell when the infallibility comes in? Men of all ages have erred and it is believed that the popes have not been the least behind in the matter of sinning.

With apologies to Alexander Campbell I use the Protestant rule of faith and compare it with the Roman Catholic. I take the Protestant first. 1. It is inspired: for "Holy men of God" says Peter "spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2. Authoritative: "The word that I speak to you, shall judge you in the last day." 3. Intelligible: To the Ephsians converts he saith "When you read you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ." 4. Moral: "The word of the Lord is pure rejoicing the heart." 5. Perpetual: "The word of the Lord endureth forever." 6. Universal: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." 7. Perfect: "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God."

Now let us turn to the Catholic rule and see how it compares with Protestant. The Bible is the rule and faith of life, with a Catholic so long as it has been explained by the traditions of the fathers and decrees of the councils. 1. It is uninspired. For it reaches the masses having no authority over the conscience, and is human. 2. Unauthoritative: It comes with more than the sanction of God. 3. Unintelligible: No man can ever find time to examine all the creeds of the Roman Catholics. It is constantly accumulating and besides it cannot be understood. 4. Immoral: In the eighth volume of Ligori's work we find this on page 444. "A Bishop however poor he may be, cannot appropriate to himself pecuniary fines, without the license of the Apostolic See. But he ought to apply them to pious uses. Much less can he apply these fines to anything else but pious uses, which the Council of Trent has laid upon non-resident clergymen, or upon those clergymen who keep concubines." With this before us, can we not at once see that the Catholic Church and its head is wholly immoral and unfit to be even countenanced. It claims the worship of its subjects and has men and women constantly bowing at its altars instead of to God. It creates images and asks that men worship

these images. It calls its priest father, and the pope "Lord God the pope." It gives honor to all its councils and heads of its organizations before it does to God. It causes to be placed at the door of its every church a basin of "supposed holy water" into which the tip of the finger of its subjects may be placed and then struck upon the forehead or upon the breast. This is truly the mark of the beast in the forehead.

Every Roman Catholic is afraid to say aught about any priest or pope for fear of excommunication. The church is the absolute head together with the pope and no man dare say one word against him who is to be worshipped. The worship of Roman Catholics is far worse than the worship of the heathen, for heathen worship from ignorant but sincere hearts for they have no light of civilization as we have here in this land; but Roman Catholics have the light of reason and civilization and yet they worship images far worse than the Golden Calf. Why should men and women at the marriage altar promise to give their children to the church? Why is it necessary for people to promise to give unborn children to any cause. The child is supposed to grow up a free moral agent and worship God according to the dictates of his conscience or God's word.

I consider Roman Catholocism a sham from the beginning to the end and full of idolatry and bigotry. Is it out of reason to believe that priests are living in adultery? Is it beyond common sense to believe that the home of Catholic priests are houses as vile as the vilest in the cities and as infamous as the redlight districts? Why keep concubines when marriage is refused the priest by the very head of the church, so called? If it is better to cohabit with women to whom one is not married, then why permit marriage in any? If adultery is sinful to the laity why is it not for priests? If he is only to pay a fine for keeping a concubine why should he be excommunicated for marrying? Is concubinage better than lawful marriage? If Catholocism should gain ground in this country to where it should be the state religion, can anyone predict what kind of social government we would have? Would anyone doubt that we would live over the past and be held in the clutches of a dragon more fearful than was in the dark ages? How bitter would be our servitude and lamintable would be our cry? No one can picture the evils that would grow out of such a system of woeful corruption. The very blood hounds of Hell would be let loose.

But that hour is not coming when Roman Catholocism shall hold sway here in this country for men are beginning to

arouse and look the danger full in the face. Babylon is beginning to fall and this country is her last foot hold. I am not sure but that she will go on until the nation is aroused to strike the fatal blow and when that time comes, woe be unto Rome.

I do not believe in resorting to war until we are finally driven to the extreme, but I do believe that the King of heaven smiles approvingly upon him who unsheaths his sword in the hour of his country's peril and strikes for home, his altar and his God. The Roman Catholic Church is the servant of sin as much now as she was in the past. The awfulness of the torment spoken of in the tenth verse of this text cannot now be described. No pen can write the words to picture to the mind this torment in its fulness. But those who worship this beast shall be cast into eternal and everlasting fire and there drink of God's wrath poured out without mixture. No torment can be too great for this beast and those who follow after her and refuse to be enlightened. She is the fearful enemy to all institutions of freedom and all governments of the free. It is a canker on the heart of any republic and a loathsome disease to those who would be pure. We believe her chambers are filled with the bones of the good and just. Her temples erected upon the death groans of the helpless who have cried for mercy, but found none.

I have often wondered if those living will not see the end to all this corruption and sin? How long will our Father in heaven suffer Rome to go unpunished and to fill the world with her corruption? Surely the Son of Perdition has been revealed to this world and his damning influence felt throughout the earth. May the shadows of this sinful serpent soon cease to be cast athwart our path and may the Son of Righteousness arise with power and throttle this demon of the under world. May all the world worship God and give Him glory. May the time hasten when the sons of men shall forget their idols and come with an offering to the feet of Jesus and lay it down. May the cause of righteousness triumph so that none can say they have never heard of Him who gave his life for the sinner. May the creeds of men be forgotten and lost that the Gospel may be proclaimed to all the world. May the writings of popes and priests be piled at the foot of the Cross and be lost to sight in an all-absorbing love for the Christ who gave His life that we might live.

This world shall yet hear the Gospel and Rome be forgotten. Her name is blasphemy and her sins are black as ebony. Babylon must fall and the hand of God will be outstretched to prevent her onslaught of the nations. She can go so far and no farther.

She has about run her course and her walls are beginning to crumble. How can she live longer when her secret sins are being found out? How can an honest man or woman be a Roman Catholic when he or she knows the sins of such an organization? She has played the harlot long enough and her time is short for her to deceive the nations. Her triumphs are about passed. She now treads toward the setting sun and dark will be the hour for her when she at last has to submit to the powerful hand of God and the angels whom He has chosen to do His bidding. The righteous shall take the strongholds of the wicked and Babylon shall lie in ruins.

WHY I AM NOT A ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. 18:2

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

It becomes my pleasant duty to tell you why I am not a Roman Catholic. I have no personal feeling against Catholics, but I am speaking against the system of Catholocism. The religious world outside of the Roman Church does not seem to know what the Catholics do and teach; and a greater portion of the Catholics themselves are not acquainted with what the church does and teaches; for secrecy is the foundation upon which Rome is built.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I believe in God the Father and in calling Him such in spiritual things, and not in calling a man "Lord God the pope." The pope is only a sinful man who has a church duped with ignorance and superstition. He sits behind guarded walls and poses as some great one. Why should any man be called "Lord God?" Rome's banners are blood stained from the beginning and she is perhaps no better today than she was in the dark ages, only that she can not be as open with her sins, and those who are forced into subjection are forced secretly. History shows that priests have been some of the worst men the world ever saw or knew, yet the pope asks his subjects to call him "Lord God the pope."

God pity any man or woman who has little enough sense to call any man "Lord God," and especially a wicked man, who claim such a title.

I am not a Roman Catholic, because I belive in liberty and freedom. No man who is a Catholic enjoys freedom, for he is bound to the pope and the priest with an oath. A Roman Catholic can't read the Bible or hear any other preach, except a Catholic, and be at peace with the church. Is it not very strange that Protestants will help to build Catholic churches when the Catholics will not under any circumstances help to build a Protestant church unless they have some policy in it and hope through it to get in some of their corruptable teaching? If you are a Protestant your motto should be "never give a Catholic one cent for any purpose." Every time you give a Catholic money to build a church or help one of their institutions you are buying a sword to cut off your head. If Catholics should get charge of this government they would force all men into obedience. They send out women beggars and call them sisters of charity. Shun them as you would sin, and never let them get hold of one cent of your hard earned money. If men knew what the Catholic Church was doing behind closed convent walls they would surely never give one cent to help another Catholic institution. We believe some of the most shocking crimes are committed behind the walls of the convent. We are pesuaded that poor girls are led there and the very life worked out of them and many of them used for immoral purposes to gratify the lust of the priest who poses as a minister of the Most High but really and truly is only a common sinner. If you are a Protestant post yourself on Catholocism and never give them one cent more of your money. We believe the slavery that exists among catholics is greater than the slavery of the black man ever was. The convent defies the hand of the law. The officer can come to your home and force his way in but no officer can, or does go into the convent and lay bare its sins and follies. This should be done. Let us preach it from the pulpit and elect officers who will enact such laws that these places may be looked into.

No Protestant should ever be guilty of voting for any Roman Catholic for any office great or small.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I believe in the public school system and not parochial schools. The Roman church is a deadly enemy to the public school, has always been, is now, and always will be. The public school teaches the child patri-

otism and a love for country and that is what the Catholic Church hates.

The first allegiance of a Roman Catholic is to the pope. No Catholic would teach a child to sing "America" or the "Star Spangled Banner," if he could avoid it.

Every school board in this wide land should ask one question when a teacher is applying for a school: are you a Catholic? If he or she is, don't employ them under any circumstances. No Catholic is fit to teach a public school, hating this government as the church of Rome does. No church has a right to enforce its teaching upon any people.

Let every man believe and worship as he desires but let church and state remain separate.

The Catholics want parochial schools because they want to force their religion upon others. The spirit of liberty has grown to be too wide to ever have parochial schools in America in place of the public schools.

The pope will find it a greater task than he has ever encountered when he tries to force the American people to bow to his authority. Our fathers fought for liberty and we must maintain it at any cost.

The true American citizen is aroused already to a sense of duty and he is no longer deceived by the bloody beasts of Rome. The young American must be taught a love for country and the only way to do this is through the public school.

Parochial schools only teach a devotion to Rome and Rome's legions.

The public school has come to stay, let Rome do and say what she will.

There are enough liberty loving Americans to continue the school system as it is or to improve upon and make the public school of still greater importance.

What has the public school system done for America and her institutions? Every true American points with pride to what the Common school system has done for us as a people. Can aught be said against the school system? Is education a blessing or a curse to the people of a great and free country? Again I ask what has our school system done for this country? Can the priesthood of this land make light of or abuse a system that has done so much for the world? The names of the greatest men of earth flash out like sunlit jewels from the pages of history who have come up through the public school system of America. I am not ashamed of the name of Lincoln, for no

one can add to his name or fame. There was Mangum, Chase, Pitt, Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Davis, Lee, Jackson, Douglas, Francis Willard, and Hayne. These names are immortal and will live forever. They are the product of the American common schools. He who would try to pluck one laurel from their brows is a traitor to his country, to liberty, and to freedom.

Catholic priests have done and are doing all they can to drive the public school from us and in so doing they have shown their treacherous designs and schemes. If the public school system has been a blessing in the past it surely will be in the future. The names of the great and good that have been named are only a few of the thousands who have been blessed by the common school and who have been a blessing to their country and their people. Many have come up through poverty and hardships; and success was only made possible by the public school. As this country advances in age and experience her school system will grow better and more advanced. Let no undermining hand seek to steal from us our greatest heritage and blessing. Let no priest or pope dictate one single step we should take in our education.

We have so long done without the dictates of a blood thirsty church whose only desire is to mislead the world and steep it in ignorance for her own gratification in lust and money.

I am proud of the common schools of America, I am proud of men and women who have come up through them to success and honor. Our safety lies in the public school. Our patriotism, our love of freedom, our morality comes from the common schools of this country. We learn to love the American flag in the common school. The child receives its first inspiration and love for this country in its early education. Our National honor will be maintained through this system of education and only through this can it be maintained.

Parochial schools never taught a child to love country or the American Flag. The Stars and Stripes have but little meaning to the child brought up in the parochial schools.

The rules of the church are taught and that is about all there is to it. I have talked with numbers of children who were being brought up in the Catholic schools and they are very ignorant in all things except in the teachings of the Catholic Church. What would a nation of men and women amount to, brought up this way? It would be the same as it has been in all ages past, ignorance and superstition would prevail, and that is what Rome wants.

Let all Americans stand for the common school system as

it is today with any improvements that can be made, but let us never permit them to be abolished as Rome wants done.

Let us have immigration laws to restrict the foreigner from becoming a citizen until he has acquainted himself with the constitution. It is an insult to free government to allow men to become citizens who cannot read one word of the constitution and who do not understand anything about the obligation they are taking upon themselves. Nine out of ten of these very men are Catholics and are subject to the pope and of course when they vote they will carry out the pope's wishes to the letter. They are sure to always stand against the public school system because the pope and priest wish them to do so. Elect men to office who will stand for restricted immigration and for laws that will compel all men to read before they can vote.

My fellow citizens we do not want common schools for the common wants only. We do not want poor schools for poor scholars, but we want schools for all at the expense of all. We do not believe in robbing the public treasure for money to be spent on children who are to be brought up in the parish schools. We want schools where the poor and rich meet together. I would not rob the poor for the rich nor would I filch from the rich to benfit the poor, we must have schools for all and nothing meets that want so completely as the common school. Of what value is our wealth without knowledge? Of what use are the hills filled with the richest ore unless there is the wealth of mind to gather in the sheaves? What are the forests to the uncultured savage? He roams the mountains and the valleys without knowing that he treads where the mineral wealth of the world lies buried. Why? Because he is not educated. He has not the mind to search out and convert those mines of wealth into use for himself or others. Education makes the wilderness and solitary places glad, and causes the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose. Of all sources of national wealth the mind is the richest of them all.

In order that there may be a harvest there must of necessity be the soil and then the cultivation of that soil. The same reasoning applies to the mind. We have the children with the mind soil, and we are expected to furnish the school for cultivation. No school is quite so well adapted to the wants of all classes as the public school. The educated mind is the true commonwealth of every community. Of what avail to the world is the intellect of a Newton or a Fulton without an

education? They were trained men and if today we wish to see a generation of men and women spring up well cultured and trained then we must prepare the place where this may be done. Who can tell what there is yet beneath our feet if our children are trained and cultured that they may delve into the bowels of the globe and make them yield to the will of man. As there are diamonds in the rough material things, so there may be diamonds among the intellects of our children which when science has smiled upon their humble birth and led them to the public institutions of learning such as the common schools of our land, those diamonds may shine forth in a nation's glory, like effulgent stars emblazoning her wealth and lighting the toil of others for generations yet to come.

He who can take the little child by the hand and lead it from the hovel to the school room is the world's greatest philanthropist. He who can touch the mind of the poorest child with the thoughts of a higher life and beckon it on and up, has already reached the ladder to fame and greatness. We have nothing of which we can so proudly boast, as that of our common schools. We have nothing quite so rich and that will at last give us a name and a place among the great as our public school system. It is not yet perfect, but we hope to go on until it becomes as much so as anything earthly can be. Those who stand at the end of the coming generation will look back to us who stood for these schools and will give to us honor for our heroism and firmness for such a cause. Let no heart be weak and no tongue silent in behalf of the school system of America. It means much to us of the present and more to those of the future for us to stand for these free institutions untrammeled by creed or prejudice and unmolested by the damnible doctrine of Rome. Let us have institutions where our children can be taught the Bible without comment by man, but let its great principles be instilled into the hearts of children who are to become the men and the women of the future. In spite of all our sectarian differences we have something left called common Christianity.

I entreat you to always lift your voice in behalf of the free circulation of the Bible, both at home and abroad and to plead the cause of universal education. We have valued institutions of learning and upon this ground rests their foundations. Our greatness and happiness and the continuance of such comes from such sources. Let us then ever be the champions of such a cause.

Let us assail Romanism and infidelity with the Bible in every man's home and heart. A nation well educated in the teaching of the Bible has nothing to fear from popery, or Romanism. Infidelity cannot storm the strongholds while the teachings of the Great Book are written in the heart. Without the Bible and common schools no nation can be free, virtuous and happy. We are now inferior to none and in fact we are leading the way for all other nations. Why should we turn from our path and stoop to parish or parochial schools, when we have so successfully come this far on the road? We have a glorious past and may the future be still more glorious. Let us espouse the cause of the Bible, education and human liberty. Let no mark of the beast be upon any of our insttutions.

I call not upon you to furnish yourself with swords and spears, with the weapons of desolation and death for the impending conflict; for such a preparation would not be a preparation of scholars, philosophers, philanthropists, and Christians. Our work is not to kill and destroy; but to build and save, to redeem and rescue from evil. Reason and truth are our weapons in this warfare. Let righteousness prevail and love sit upon its throne.

Under the broad banners of peace and that of the stars and stripes let us proceed toward the way that leads to liberty and to life. We should be ardent for the encounter and go with heart and hand into the work with our eyes fixed upon the constitution and the flag that makes us free. May our schools be the centers from which shall be taught a love for country and a devotion to God's Word. May they be the places from which come the men and women who shall be our law makers and representative citizens. I challenge any country to a comparison with ours in regard to our schools and colleges. Who are they who would take from us these schools, but the blood hounds of ignorance and the demons of oppression? Who are they who take the public money and give nothing in return save vice and superstition? I answer that it is Rome and her legions. She is the falsefier and blasphemer of these schools which have protected and cared for our children.

No class of citizens are fit to teach our children who do not love this country. If Roman Catholocism is left to teach the young minds then every institution of learning that belongs to a free country must perish. If they are to teach our children then we may expect that the love of freedom will die out in the hearts of Americans. Generations to come will find a people

who do not care for country, but will be slaves to the pope and priest and to do the bidding of Rome. The benumbing and paralizing influences of Romanism, are such as to disqualify a person for the relish and enjoyment of political liberty. Where ever there is a Roman Catholic population there is abject slavery to their priests, bishops and popes. We are only asking that such may never be the case in America and to this end we must educate the rising generation. Let us lend a helping hand for any and all organizations that will promote a love for the common school and a devotion to our country. I can gladly extend my hand and give my heart to those who are trying to perpetuate the school system, restrict immigration and plead for an open Bible for all the world. May God hasten the time when these things shall be.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in slavery of body, mind or soul. I do not believe in forcing young women into closed convents or compelling them to remain after they enter themselves, as is done by Rome. I do not believe in forcing pure young girls to become slaves of Catholic priests, to gratify his lust and beastly desires. The priests are sworn to celibacy and yet we belive polygamy is a decent practice beside what the priests do.

Why will fathers and mothers allow their daughters to go to the confessional and have words breathed into their ears by a priest that a mother herself would blush to even speak to her child about? Who believes that such a man is sincere?

We believe the priesthood is a canker on society, a stinch to decency and a sore on the Republic of America.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I believe in free speech and free press. The Catholics howl when anything is printed against them in the press or any effort made to divulge their secrets. When Catholocism refuses to open her doors and let the world take a look on the inside of her institution and Convents, we can readily see why she opposes free speech and free press. If she was clean she would not be so bitterly opposed to being investigated. Nothing must be said to cause people to investigate her sins.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in indulgences. No priest can forgive sins and has no moral right to take money from anyone for indulgences, for it is taking money under false pretense. This is the most wicked of all her practices. It does seem that intelligent men and women would know better and realize that it is only a scheme to get rich quick. It is a fraud and every priest knows it.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in purgatory and know that no priest can pray for the dead and get their sins forgiven. This is another scheme to get money and it grinds down the poor who believe in such rottenness and corruption taught by a bigoted priesthood. It piles into the coffers of a wicked priest money wrung from the hands of toil. No wonder Rome doesn't want her subjects educated. No wonder she is against public schools. If she could get parochial schools then she could teach just what she pleases and keep her subjects always in ignorance. But with the public school it is different.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in transubstantiation. No priest can change the bread and fruit of the vine into the actual body of Christ, as they claim they can do. Every priest knows that this is false, but they will do anything to keep the people in ignorance. An ignorant people can be kept in bondage, but an educated people can't, therefore Rome keeps all her people in ignorance as much as possible. To claim to change the bread and fruit of the vine into the body of Christ is a fake, wicked and absurd. This is practiced to keep the laity in ignorance and make them believe that the priest has great power. He has no more power to change it than he has to blot out the sun or guide the stars. It is deceit in its vilest, blackest form. A priest is only a man and usually the most sinful and lustful among men.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in a political machine or organiztion posing as a church; and that is what the Roman church does. It has never been anything more than a political organization. It is now the same as it has always been, only more corrupt. It always seeks to get hold of the government in any country and run things as it pleases. Roman Catholics usually vote as a unit. When the pope says so, then every man under his authority must act or be excommunicated. The first person to be obeyed, with Catholics, is the pope. If this country were called upon in war to defend its flag and the pope were to say "No!" then all Catholics must lay down arms. Are we, as American citizens, going to tolerate such a power among us? Are we willing that such ungodly hands shall be laid upon the helm of state while we sit by and slumber? Shall Catholocism rule here in this land of liberty? I believe the time has come when Protestantism is going to assert itself and let the pope and priests know that they cannot control America.

Catholocism hates anything that spells liberty. It is arrayed against Masonry. I have wondered why every Free Mason in

all the world has not waked, long ago, to the full realization of Catholocism's power. The Masonic fraternity should establish papers in every community to expose Catholocism. All the secret orders in this country that are truly American would approve of such a move and all Protestant churches would, I am sure. Every man belonging to a secret order that is true to American principles, the flag and constitution of America would lose his head if Catholocism had control. Just read the oath that the Knights of Columbus take; an organization strictly Catholic. They are sworn to rip up the bowels of women and children at the bidding of the pope, if the oath has been made public; as we are almost sure it has been. It is one of the most wicked oaths the world has ever heard. Jessie James never took a more wicked oath, and those in the lodge are full-fledged Catholics. Do you call such religion? If it is religion it is the religion of the Devil.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in the infallibility of the pope. He is no better than other men and nine times out of ten he is as wicked as the Devil wants him to be. He sits at the head of an institution which is termed religion, that is the most wicked and damnable that mortal man could devise. He invites innocent girls to confess to the priest that which they would not even tell their own mother, and the priest a bachelor at that. The pope stands behind the priest and protects him in sin and crime. We believe Roman Catholocism is a child of Satan.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I believe the entire system of Catholocism to be rotten and drunk with the blood of martyrs. Rome is said never to change and it seldom does change. The same spirit that moved it to kill men and women in the past is the same that moves it to secret sins today. We believe it is the very cesspool of iniquity. All are considered heretics by Rome who do not believe and worship as she wishes them to worship. When the facts are presented concerning Roman Catholocism there are many who believe them to be overdrawn. This is because Rome keeps her sins hidden as much as possible. Her dirty and scandalous deeds have to be kept hidden, as far as possible, from the public eye; and then when some one does come out and tell the truth, the masses of humanity believe it to be overdrawn.

But Rome can't be overdrawn. Her corruption is beyond description. If you believe that a picture of Rome can be overdrawn, go to history and read for yourself. Go to any authority and look up her past history and there you will be convinced

that her corruption is beyond compare. Go to the authority of Romanists themselves and there is enough to convince any open mind concerning Rome. I cannot see how any Protestant in America can be content to sit down and be satisfied without acquaiting himself with the facts concerning this awful beast and its rider. We are compelled to wake up sooner or later to an awful realization, but our waking may be too late; if we wait for our own personal experience to acquaint us with all the facts.

Let us go to literature and learn from authority what a hideous monster we are contending with. I hope how soon our daily papers will grow bold enough to print the truth about Rome. If Protestants would demand it, the great dailies would have to do so now. When the truth is told then Rome goes down to rise no more.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in pledging unborn children to the Catholic Church as is done by the priest at the marriage altar. This is where Protestants make the biggest mistake of all, is when they marry Catholics. No home can be happy where a Catholic and a Protestant are united. When children are born, then there will be division and strife. I had rather marry a heathen than a Roman Catholic and it would be better for anyone to do so. Catholics say that the marriage performed by a Protestant minister is not lawful, and they claim that we are living in adultery, and even go so far, wherever they can, as to marry them over and have it done by a priest. Is there a Protestant who has any convictions who would stand for such a disgrace?

Let me say, young men and young ladies, don't marry a Catholic under any circumstances, for it will blight your life if you, yourself, intend to stand for the right and for decency. The priest always pleads for marriage in others and then refuses to be married himself. Will men trust their wives with an unmarried bachelor priest and be satisfied? Will we believe a priest sincere and honorable when he asks others to get married and then refuses to do so himself? Young men, if you marry a Catholic girl, you simply throw your life away and become subject to a pope and priest all your life. Young ladies, if you marry a Catholic, you may expect to be abused all your life unless you expect to make life a drudgery for yourself. If you are in love with a Catholic, stop right now and wake up as to what you are about to do. If there is such a thing as a hell on earth it is where a Protestant and Catholic are married.

I am not a Roman Catholic because I do not believe in Catholics trying to control this government and especially when they are not the producers of this country. There is not one Catholic out of every hundred farmers. They don't till the soil and produce things. Most Catholics live in the cities and there is where Rome is trying to get such a hold. She knows if she can control the cities she can surely control the country. I hope how soon the country may wake up to this situation.

No painter can paint the sins of Roman Catholicism, no sculptor could chisel them into marble. Her iniquities beggars description. The better Roman Catholic one is the worse citizen he becomes, for in all countries where Catholocism holds sway there you will find ignorance, superstition and crime in their worst forms. Her banners are stained with the blood of the best Protestants of earth. Her graveyards are filled with the bones of innocent women and children, killed in secret, and she wants to be called the mother of churches. The blood of martyrs cry in voiceless language from the ground and their cry will yet bring destruction on Rome.

Rome has, with a giant's tread, crushed the innocent of all lands, but the tide will change and old Rome will beg for mercy, for there are heroic spirits today, and they have learned to love liberty too well to ever bow the knee to any authority that seeks to annihilate or destroy our free institutions.

Does any man doubt the Inquisition, when those who did not worship as Rome dictated were put to death to the extent of one hundred thousand Protestants? They were slaughtered as heretics, mercy was unknown, and pity was a stranger. Do you believe history? On St. Bartholomew's Day there was a river of blood that flowed from the veins of Christians because wicked Rome wanted them to worship the beast and its image. Beloved, is this picture overdrawn? What happened in the past may happen again in the future if Rome can get her hand on the ship of state. Let your manhood awaken, for an enemy stands at the door of every American institution, ready to batter down every bulwark of liberty. She seeks to plant her flag always above the Stars and Stripes. She wants to control, and in order to do that, she is ready to break down family altars, murder children, behead fathers and outrage mothers. Rome is drunk with the life-blood of the pure and holy, and the horrid head of this dangerous dragon rises like a threatening storm before us. Her deeds are too vile to be written or spoken to a mixed audience. She is the only power in the world claiming to be a church that maintains her standing armies, and why

armies? If Jesus Christ came to give peace, why should Rome give a sword? But she claims the right to change any ordinance in the Bible, yet her priests, bishops and archbishops and popes have been the dark-eyed demons of centuries past.

The most painful instruments of torture are traceable to Rome. She imprisons those who will not yield to her voice of sin.

Is an institution fit to stand or be countenanced by decent people that will make a law that young unmarried priests shall exact confessions from young and innocent girls? If these priests are clean to begin with, they are no more than men, and sooner or later yield to temptation. The Church of Rome claims that the laity has no right to criticize the ministry. With such a system how can she ever hope for reform?

Shall we be satisfied for a system like this to run uncurbed and unchecked in a land of liberty? Will we let this system be forced upon the American people? All men have the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience in America, but they do not have the right to force their worship on others, and that is what Rome wants to do. Let us guard our ballot and our public school system and see to it that no Catholic is elected to office or employed to teach our public schools until Rome shows herself to be patriotic. Rome is seeking to spread her vampire wings over the Western world, but let us see that she never does it.

Duty calls upon every true American citizen to arouse and think upon this question of such grave importance and release the hold that the enemy has upon this government. Let us not feel secure until we have defeated every purpose of Rome calculated to throttle the liberty of the people of America. May the spirit of Liberty pervade the universe so that the pope and priests will not be able to hold their subjects in slavery longer. The reason the priests and pope do not want the Bible read, is that the common people may be kept in ignorance; for when and where the Bible is read there is an awakening out of sleep and bondage. The cause of Christ must triumph over every foe and Catholocism is the greatest foe to Christianity. But bye and bye Christ shall reign supreme. The banner of the Cross will at last float over every dominion and every land. Rome has led her subjects long enough in ignorance. There is a great awakening among the people even now. The counting of beads and worshiping of images, the burning of candles and incense; the wearing of long robes by priests and the veiling of the sis-

ters of charity, so called, is all to one end, and that is to keep the people in ignorance and superstition.

The darkness is beginning to disappear and the sunlight of truth is shining through the clouds of gloom. Only a few more years and we shall be free. The imprisoning of young girls for immoral purposes in convents, and the killing of infant children born of nuns to bachelor priests will have to cease wherever it is practiced. This government is of the people and they will demand a right to investigate all institutions of every type and character. When this is done it will be farewell to Rome and her doctrine. If Rome desires to live, let her live with open doors like other churches. If she be a church, let her prove it to the world. All Protestant churches and institutions are open to the public for investigation. Let Rome open her doors and invite all who will to look in upon her secret life.

When a Roman Catholic priest goes wrong and the world finds it out, and the secret sins of his life; then the church says he was never a part of her. When a priest is honest enough with himself and God to withdraw from Rome and then show up her sins, Rome at once says that he was not in good standing. She will not acknowledge that anyone is authority when she wants to gain a point, but when all runs smoothly the pope is the "Lord God" and every priest is a vicegerent of Christ.

In the debate between Campbell and Purcell, did not Mr. Purcell deny every authority that Campbell brought to show Rome's teaching; yet we know that Rome did accept them as authority and does yet. It would be almost like a miracle for a priest to remain with her long and be untainted and unstained by sin. Men enter into priesthood young and with temptations set before them daily, they naturally fall a victim to sin and crime. The vilest questions daily put into the ears of young women, both married and single, soon brings the priest to the point where he feels he can make any proposal and it must be accepted. The young woman who has been taught that the priest is as good as her Lord, yields to his desires, and it has, no doubt, often been the case that he slays her to hide his awful crime. Nine-tenths of the priests, according to our way of thinking, are libertines and degenerates, made so by the hellish doctrine of Rome. Hans Schmidt, the priest in New York who is said to have murdered Anna Aumuller and then cut her body to pieces and sunk it in the Hudson river, according to his own testimony, is but the natural outcome of such teaching as Rome does. He was caught in his crime, while other priests go free who are likely just as guilty as he. Of course, now that he has

been overtaken in his crime, Rome will say he never did belong to her, but if the public had not been made acquainted with the facts he would have remained a priest and been turned loose on some other community. How can we tell what kind of men are priests in our own city with such corruption being practiced and upheld by a great system? They may be the vilest reprobates and yet are called priests. We know but little about their character and no way to find out under the present system, for all is secrecy with Rome, except when sins leak out.

Rome and her rulers have been the slanders of Christianity for over nine centuries. The bishop of Rome took his title as pope in 395 A. D. He was a part of the Greek church, and yet now the Roman Catholics claim the Apostle Peter was the first pope of Rome. There is no reliable account that Peter was ever at Rome in his life. The morals of Rome have been corrupt for centuries. The Reformation found the world steeped in sin, and ignorance, notwithstanding Rome had held sway for centuries. Heroic men of God felt a call to champion the cause of liberty. Rome has shown her thirst for blood from the Middle Ages to the present time. She disinterred the bones of John Wycliffe and burned them, throwing the ashes into the river. John Huss, in 1414, was condemned by the pope and burned at the stake. Savanarola attacked Rome, calling it "the seat of corruption;" he and his followers were burned at the stake and their ashes cast into the river Arno. If Rome had her way today she would be no different to what she was in the past. Has she shown any signs of reform? She would burn us at the stake today as quickly as she did those in the dark ages if the law would permit, or she had full control of the government, and the world never find it out, and never know who was responsible for the crime.

I now appeal to every liberty-loving citizen of America to help free those in bondage under Rome. The child of the future will rise up to bless you if you do your duty now. There are thousands in bondage at this hour, and it is bondage of soul and body. Life is only sorrow and shadows. Will you sit by and contribute at the ballot box to this evil, or will you contribute to liberty and life?

The tempest gathers and the angry storms of Rome's hatred lowers over us, but remember you are Americans and citizens born in a free land, made sacred by the blood of the noblest sons, and that you are their offspring, living where the Stars and Stripes should be made to float from every school building and office of trust.

Remember that you are freemen on the shores of the Western world, and let no dark-eyed tempter or demon presume to dictate a path for you or your posterity. Keep your eyes upon Old Glory as she waves and suffer no ruthless hand to pluck one of her stars or erase one of her stripes. Let the hands of true Americans hold the flagstaff and stake all on the altar of liberty. Let none deceive you or misdirect your steps. Let us hand down to our children the rich heritage that is ours. It took blood to obtain our freedom and it may take blood to maintain it. We were rocked in the cradle of liberty and may we so live that those who shall come after us may find the same refuge under the same flag.

This government stumbled over new problems of state while in her childhood, but today she has doffed her swaddling clothes and has donned the garments of maturity. She has broken the despot's chains in the past; let us refuse to wear the oppressor's yoke now or in the future. May the American flag and the Constitution tower suplime in the hearts and homes of a great, free and prosperous people and may we, as her children, guard her rights and champion her life as she treads on and up the heights to Nebo's lofty summits.

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